

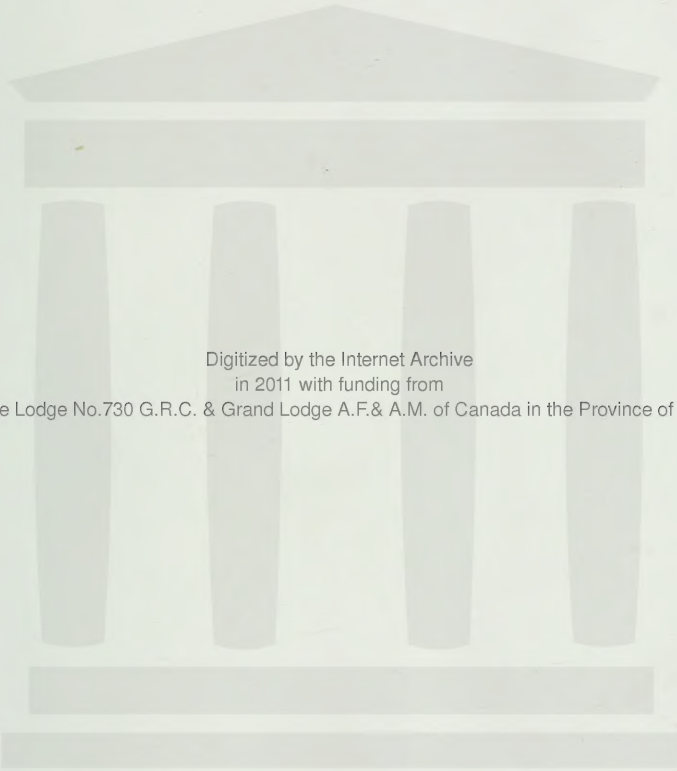




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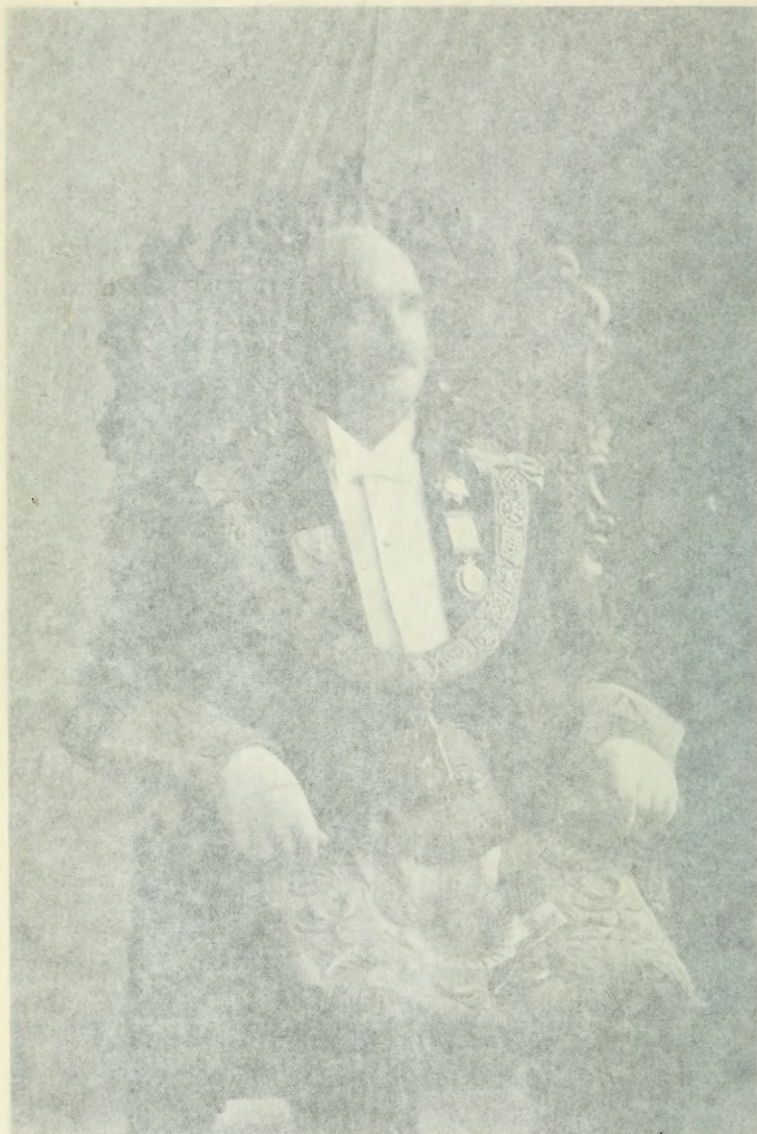


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GRAND MASTER 1904-05.



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GRAND MASTER 1904-05.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge
—OF—
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
—AT—
ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

—HELD AT—
*Auburn, on the 30th May, 1904, at
Port Dover, 1st July, 1904,*

ALSO AT THE
Forty-Ninth Annual Communication
HELD AT THE TOWN OF BROCKVILLE,

ON THE
20th and 21st July, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.



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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,
held at the Village of Auburn, on Monday, the Thirtieth
day of May, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.*

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C...	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Joseph Beck	as Deputy Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. Geo. Porter	as Dist. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. B. Tierney	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Shaw	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. D. E. Monroe	as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. A. J. Holloway	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. J. B. Hoover	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. Young	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. D. Tye	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. D. Fair	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. W. Young	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. J. A. S. Varcoe	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. D. M. Gordon	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. H. W. Ball	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. John Wilson	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. Walter Wilson	
W. Bro. Wm. Baley	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3.00 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of Knox Presbyterian Church, Auburn.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions in the northeast corner of the building.

After an address to the Grand Master, and the Grand Master's reply thereto, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the Thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904, the fourth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

His Excellency the EARL OF MINTO, being Governor-General of Canada.

The Honorable MORRIMER CLARKE being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

REV. T. L. SMALL being Pastor.

M. W. BRO. J. E. HARDING, K.C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. BRO. WM. ELLIOTT, D. D. G. M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

of Knox Presbyterian Church,

Was laid by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of inhabitants of the Village of Auburn.

Thos. Straughan, W. T. Ridell, John Finland, Trustees.

The Acting Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity of the stone, together with a box containing certain newspapers, records and coins.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Grand Master then

consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then gave a short address, and the procession was re-formed, the brethren returned to the hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the Village of Port Dover, on Friday, the First day of July, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, K. C.	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Kennedy	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. V. Mathews	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. N. Fawcett	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. H. W. Ansley	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. F. M. Bond	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. S. L. Butler	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. A. C. Matthews	as Grand Supt. of Cords.
W. Bro. J. R. Waddle	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. J. Varey	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. P. Lawson	as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. T. B. Barratt	
Bro. A. R. Smith	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2.30 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, K.C., Grand Master, and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

A deputation consisting of the W. Master, the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Secretary of Erie Lodge, No. 149, was announced, introduced and presented to the Grand Master the following address of welcome:

*To the Most Worshipful, His Honor, Judge John E. Harding,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and
Accepted Masons of Canada*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother :

In the name and on behalf of Erie Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M., we beg to extend to yourself and to the members of

Grand Lodge a hearty fraternal welcome to this ancient village.

We say ancient, because two French priests, here, on the present site of Port Dover, including seven men, the required number, resided five months and eleven days.

This was during the winter of 1669 and 1670, and on the 23rd of March, the day of their departure, they planted a cross, with an inscription on it, on the lake shore.

We as Masons and members of Erie Lodge feel that your visit here to-day will be handed down to future generations, like the sojourn of the Sulpician priests, Dollier de Casson and De Galinee, nearly two and a half centuries ago.

Erie Lodge in May, 1861, forty-three years ago, were domiciled in the Powell Block, destroyed by fire a few years ago.

To-day you will lay the corner stone for the new Town Hall on the same foundation, and may a superstructure arise, Phoenix like, perfect in its parts and honorable to the builder.

Again permit us to thank you for the honor you have done the Masons of Port Dover and vicinity by being present here to-day.

JAMES R. WADDLE,
W. M. of Erie Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A.M.
J. R. DAVIS, S. W.
S. L. BUTLER, J. W.
J. VAREY, Secretary.

Port Dover, July 1st, 1904.

After the Grand Master had replied he announced that the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the foundation stone of a new Town Hall.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the band marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Reeve of the village, Mr. James D. Ross, then presented the following address:

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir :

It affords me a very great pleasure, on behalf of the citizens of Port Dover to welcome you here to-day. We appreciate the favor which is being conferred upon us by having the corner stone of our new Town Hall laid with Masonic honors. We are also indebted to the officers of the Grand Lodge, and

other Masonic brethren, for their presence here in such large numbers. It is in keeping with the history of Masonry in Norfolk County that this stone should be laid with Masonic honors, as on this same site, forty-three years ago, was held the first Masonic lodge meeting in Port Dover.

Your visit to us on this occasion, the Anniversary of Confederation, is especially pleasing to the citizens of this village.

Thirty-eight years ago to-day the greater part of this northern continent was linked into one vast Dominion. Thirty-eight years ago to-day, saw the scheme of the master mind, the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, realized. He also, I believe, was a member of the Craft. We, as citizens of Port Dover, in commemorating this great event, are honored indeed at having present with us such an honorable body.

I have pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, in presenting to you this trowel for your use in laying this corner stone, and as a token of our esteem.

JAMES D. ROSS,

Reeve of the Village of Port Dover.

Port Dover, July 1st, 1904.

After the Grand Master's reply thereto, the ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

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The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

JAMES D. ROSS, being Reeve of the Village of Port Dover.

M. W. Bro. J. E. HARDING, K. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. S. S. CLUTTON, D. D. G. M. of the Sixth Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

of the Town Hall

Was laid by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of inhabitants of the Village of Port Dover.

The Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a box containing certain newspapers, records and coins.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The procession was then re-formed, the brethren returned to the hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At the Firty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the Town of Brockville, commencing on Wednesday, the Twentieth day of July, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.

PRESENT :

The Grand Master,

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., on the Throne.

The Deputy Grand Master,

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. V. Mathews	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. J. F. Cobb	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C. ...	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. T. M. Davis	as Grand Registrar.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Arthur Bowlby	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Harry Leeson	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Alex. MacKay	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. J. H. Landreth	Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. Fred. H. Yapp	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan	as Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. Nelson M. Moore	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. John Muir	} Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. W. D. Tye	
W. Bro. J. C. Sharpe	
W. Bro. O. D. Glasgow	
W. Bro. J. R. Moodie	
W. Bro. B. E. Thompson	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Bro. J. R. Waddle	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. A. E. Filton	Grand Tyler.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

R. W. Bro. George E. White	Elie	District No. 1
" R. A. Wilmott	St. Clair	" 2
" Richard Guest	London	" 3
" William Elliot	South Huron	" 4
" A. C. Hutchison	North Huron	" 5
" S. S. Clutton	Wilson	" 6
" J. J. Craig	Wellington	" 7
" R. A. Hutchison	Hamilton	" 8
" J. D. Hamill	Georgian	" 9

R. W. Bro.	Richard Matthews.....	Niagara	District No. 10
"	J. Edward Francis	Toronto West	" 11
"	H. A. Nicholls	Toronto East	" 11a
"	J. W. Wright, M. D. ...	Prince Edward	" 13
"	Fred. J. Skinner	Frontenac	" 14
"	J. G. Harkness	St. Lawrence	" 15
"	N. W. Cleary	Ottawa	" 16
"	R. H. Arthur, M. D. ...	Nipissing	" 18
"	Alfred J. Whitby	Muskoka	" 19

Grand Representatives		From Grand Lodge of	
M. W. Bro.	J. Ross Robertson.....	England.	
R. "	R. L. Gunn	British Columbia.	
M. "	Hon. Wm. Gibson	Quebec.	
R. "	L. Secord	New Zealand.	
" "	J. H. Burritt, K.C.	South Australia.	
" "	A. T. Freed	Arizona.	
" "	J. C. Hegler, K.C.	Arkansas.	
V. "	G. S. Ryerson, M.D.	California.	
R. "	Arthur McGinnis	Colorado.	
M. "	A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut.	
" "	H. Robertson	District of Columbia.	
" "	W. R. White, K.C.	Georgia.	
V. "	J. H. Flock, K.C.	Idaho.	
R. "	Abraham Shaw	Illinois.	
" "	E. H. D. Hall.....	Indian Territory.	
" "	W. G. Reid	Kansas.	
" "	D. F. MacWatt	Louisiana.	
" "	C. W. Postlethwaite	Maine.	
" "	Aubrey White	Maryland.	
M. "	A. A. Stevenson	Minnesota.	
R. "	William Roaf, K.C.	Nebraska.	
" "	William Rea	New Mexico.	
M. "	Hugh Murray	New York.	
R. "	J. S. Dewar	North Dakota.	
" "	D. S. Carley	Oregon.	
M. "	E. T. Malone, K.C.	South Dakota.	
" "	J. E. Harding, K.C.	West Virginia.	
R. "	Henry Rush	Wisconsin.	
M. "	A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.	
" "	R. T. Walkem, K.C.	Peru.	

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—A. A. Stevenson, Hugh Murray, H. Robertson, K.C., R. T. Walkem, K.C., J. Ross Robertson, W. R. White, K.C., Hon. Wm. Gibson, E. T. Malone, K.C., William A. Sutherland.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—H. W. Ainsley, C. W. Bullock, A. Bascom, William Birrell, Henry Clark, J. B. Carscallen, William Cowan, A. M. Cunningham, Geo. K. Dewey, John S. Dench, Wm. Franklin, W. J. Ferguson, E. Fitzgerald, R. L. Gunn, J. F. Graham, Frederick Guest, George C. Holden, E. H. D. Hall, J. G. Harkness, J. Hewton, H. Hyndman, Sr., Isaac Huber, W. Irvine, W. H. Jackson, George E. Josephs, E. Abbot Johnson, J. G. Liddell, L. S. Lewis, W. Lattimer, R. G. Longmore, John Mac-

Laren, W. D. McPherson, A. H. McNee, Arthur McGinnis, Thos. McCallum, D. F. Macwatt, R. Mahoney, John Malloy, Geo. S. May, J. B. Nixon, F. B. O'Flynn, R. H. Preston, W. Roaf, W. G. Reid, George Rook, James Ross, William Rea, W. H. Robinson, T. A. Simpson, A. Shaw, John M. Shaw, D. B. Simpson, James Sunley, W. T. Toner, Aubrey White, R. W. Watchorn, R. E. Wood, W. H. Walkey, John Watson, J. W. Watson, A. F. Webster, John Walmsley, William Webster, H. J. Whitby.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—L. Secord.

Past Grand Chaplains—George Chrystal, R. Campbell.

Past Grand Registrars—D. Derbyshire, T. M. Davis.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—G. S. Ryerson.

Past Grand Organists—J. Balasco.

Past Grand Stewards—E. M. Carleton, W. A. Chamberlain, James Dundas, H. McGowan, James McNeil, H. Mulholland, G. B. Magee, R. J. Munro, John Purcell, John Ritchie, N. Shafley, G. W. Sutherland, T. J. Wilbee.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—Robert Cuthbert.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, the Mayor and members of the Town Council were introduced, when His Worship the Mayor welcomed Grand Lodge to Brockville as follows:

Brockville, July 20th, 1904.

To the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M. :

Gentlemen :

It is a pleasure, I assure you, for me to have the privilege of welcoming you to-day to what we consider Canada's best town. Your Order boasts that in addition to being ancient and accepted, it is also free, but you never enjoyed a more robust freedom than we offer you during your stay in Brockville. The town is yours, and the Chief of Police has instructed his staff not to look with longing eyes on any of the brethren. I deem it a pleasure, as well as a great honor, to extend to such a distinguished body of men the hand of gladness, and in doing so would ask your indulgence while I refer to a few of the features of our town. It is one of the oldest in the Province, having been incorporated in 1832, and is situated on historic territory. It takes its name from the late Major General Sir Isaac Brock, the gallant defender of British Sovereignty on this continent, who gave his life for the cause at Queenston Heights. But though Brockville is historic, and like the Masonic Order ancient, it is not on these points that the citizens particularly pride themselves. This town is the pioneer in modern methods, and the waterworks, electric works and gas plants are all owned and controlled by the municipality, and the results are most satisfactory. Our churches, schools and hospitals will compare with any, while in the fire department we have a paid and volunteer brigade of great efficiency. It is generally acknowledged that the location of Brockville, nestling as it does at the foot of the

Thousand Islands, is a most charming one, and it may be interesting to know that the town has purchased over thirty of those beautiful islands, which are preserved in their natural state as parks for the citizens.

Gentlemen, all this and more is at your disposal during your sojourn in the Island City, to which, on behalf of the citizens and Town Council, I again extend you a hearty welcome.

The M. W. the Grand Master, having made a suitable reply, and a constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 9 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

A deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the Brockville lodges was announced, introduced and presented to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge the following address of welcome:

To the M. W. Bro J. E. Harding, K C., Grand Master, and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

The brethren of Brockville at this, the forty-ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, bid you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the officers and members of Grand Lodge, welcome to the Island City.

For nearly three years your services to the Craft as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada have been many, and their value are fully acknowledged and fully appreciated.

The growth and the general prosperity of the Craft, under your skilful guidance, have been marked and a source of much gratification to all.

We who had the pleasure of meeting you at the Lodge of Instruction, held in Brockville in 1902, noted with pleasure your many manly qualities, and feel that these, combined with your devotion to Masonic ideals, have had an uplifting influence on the members of the Craft over whom you preside.

Our town, a splendid monument to the province of Upper Canada, is beautifully situated on the picturesque St. Lawrence, and we entreat the brethren to make the most of their opportunities while sojourning in our midst. If any desire information about the town, its industries, its educational institutions, or the many delightful summer resorts nearby, the Brockville members will deem it a pleasure to satisfy to the full your curiosity.

That the deliberations of the Grand Lodge at this communication may be marked by wisdom, prudence and harmony, and that the results of your labors may strengthen the best interests of the Craft is the earnest desire of the Brockville brethren.

JAMES A LAIDLAW,
W. M. Sussex Lodge, No. 5.
JAMES H. STOREY,
W. M. Salem Lodge, No. 368.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF REGRET.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at being unable to attend were read from the Hon. J. K. Kerr, K. C., P. G. M.; the Hon. J. M. Gibson, K. C., P. G. M.; Kivas Tully, P. G. M.; J. W. Morgan, D. D. G. M. 17th Masonic District; A. E. Dymont, P. D. D. G. M.; George Bennett, P. G. Registrar; E. C. Davis, P. G. Registrar, and C. F. Harris, Grand Registrar.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the gallery of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson; and

Resolved, that the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Forty-eighth Annual Communication, held in the city of Toronto, on the 15th and 16th days of July, A. D. 1903, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. William Roaf, W. J. Ferguson, and W. Bros. J. A. Laidlaw and Fitzgerald, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported that there are 381 Warranted Lodges on the Register; 190 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 131 are represented by proxy; 14 are not represented by proxy, but have Past Masters present; 46 are unrepresented in any way. There are 726 names registered, having a total of 1,430 votes.

The following are the names of those present:

No. 2.

Niagara, Niagara.

W. Bro. J. H. Brown, W. M.; J. G. Bottomly, P. M.

No. 3.

The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

W. Bro. T. A. Crowe, W. M.; M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, R. W. Bro. W. H. McNee, W. Bros. J. M. Shaw, George Creegan, J. A. Minnes, W. J. Renton, W. B. Dalton, W. T. Connel, P. M's; Bro. R. J. McKelvey, S. W.

- No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.**
W. Bro. J. A. Laidlaw, W. M.; R. W. Bros. George K. Dewey, W. H. Jackson, C. H. Bullock, D. Derbyshire, W. Bros. G. H. Weatherhead, Thomas Dowell, A. S. Knapp, A. H. Gunn, C. Rose, J. Menish, W. H. Kyle, J. C. Stagg, L. DeCarle, J. H. Shaver, P. M's; Bro. Henry Roth, S. W.; Bro. John Derbyshire, J. W.
- No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. W. E. Cameron, W.M.; M. W. Bro. Hon. William Gibson, R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, R.W. Bro. B. Smith. W. Bros. W. E. Henderson, James Weir, E. M. Donovan, D. McMillan, J. B. Durkee, H. B. Witton; Bro. George Moore, S. W.; Bro. J. W. Sutherland, J. W.
- No. 7. Union, Grimsby.**
W. Bro. C. T. Farrel, W. M.
- No. 9. Union, Napanee.**
W. Bro. F. H. Perry, W.M.; William Wright, P.M.
- No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.**
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, W. Bro. J. G. Bottomly, P. M's.
- No. 11. Moir, Belleville.**
W. Bro. Frank Elvins, W. M.; R. W. Bros. Arthur McGinnis, W. Lattimer; Bro. Henry F. Kitchenson, J. W.
- No. 14. True Britons, Perth.**
Bro. W. J. McKenicher, S. W.
- No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.**
W. Bro. J. G. Harris, W. M.; George Burch, P. M.
- No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.**
W. Bros. C. H. Luke, W. M.; H. T. Smith, George Tait, P. M's.
- No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.**
W. Bro. J. Wodell, W. M.; R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig, W. Bro. Wm. Rankin, P. M's.
- No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.**
W. Bro. J. H. Colden, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. W. Wright, V. W. Bro. H. Mulholland, W. Bros. W. R. Leavnus, W. T. Shaw, A. G. McDonald; Bro. G. M. Henniston, S.W.; Bro. H. W. Tobay, J. W.
- No. 20. St. John's, London.**
W. Bro. R. W. Evans, W. M.; J. A. Tancock, P. M.
- No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.**
W. Bros. W. P. McAlpine, W. M.; S. M. Morrison, Eben Crummy, P. M's; Bros. Charles Bennett, S. W.; J. W. Robertson, J. W.
- No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.**
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. M.
- No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.**
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- No. 297. Preston, Preston.**
W. Bro. W. J. Porteous, P. M.
- No. 300. Mount Olivet, Thorndale.**
W. Bro. T. F. Logan, W. M.; R. L. Guest, P. M.
- No. 302. St. Dävid's, St. Thomas.**
W. Bro. W. A. Burns, W. M.

- No. 304. Minerva, Stroud.**
W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, P. M.
- No. 305. Humber, Weston.**
W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, P. M.
- No. 306. Durham, Durham.**
W. Bro. R. J. S. Dewar, P. M.
- No. 307. Arkona, Arkona.**
W. Bro. H. J. Brander, W. M.
- No. 310. Blackwood, Woodbridge.**
W. Bro. A. Maynard, W. M.; E. A. Agar, P. M.
- No. 312. Pnyx, Wallaceburg.**
W. Bro. J. A. Quennell, W. M.
- No. 314. Blair, Palmerston.**
W. Bro. Peter Marion, W. M.; R. W. Bro. H. Hyndman, Sr., P. M.
- No. 315. Clifford, Clifford.**
W. Bro. R. M. Hazlewood, W. M.
- No. 316. Doric, Toronto.**
W. Bro. A. L. Burgess, W. M.; V. W. Bro. Harry Leeson, P. M.
- No. 319. Hiram, Hagersville.**
W. Bro. Dr. McDonald, P. M.
- No. 322. North Star, Owen Sound.**
W. Bro. Jas. Henry, W. M.
- No. 323. Alvinston, Alvinston.**
W. Bro. R. M. E. McDiarmid, W. M.
- No. 324. Temple, Hamilton.**
R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, W. Bros. Thos. Pedler, A. E. Smith, G. H. Carley, Donald Clark, Kenneth Bethune, P. M's.
- No. 325. Orono, Orono.**
W. Bro. J. J. Gilfillan, W. M.
- No. 326. Zetland, Toronto.**
M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone, W. A. Sutherland, J. Ross Robertson, R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, W. D. McPherson, W. Bros. J. H. McCabe, P. M's.
- No. 327. The Hammond, Wardsville.**
W. Bro. D. F. Webster, P. M.
- No. 329. King Solomon's, Jarvis.**
R. W. Bro. R. Matthews, P. M.
- No. 330. Corinthian, London East.**
W. Bro. J. P. Armstrong, W. M.
- No. 331. Fordwich, Fordwich.**
R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchison, P. M.
- No. 332. Stratford, Stratford.**
W. Bro. R. Burritt, W. M.; Bro. W. G. Irwin, S. W.

- No. 333. Prince Arthur, Flesherton.**
W. Bro. John Wright, W. M.; A. S. Vandusen, P. M.
- No. 334. Prince Arthur, Arthur.**
W. Bro. T. A. Humphries, W. M.; S. G. Neill, P. M.
- No. 336. Highgate, Highgate.**
W. Bro. W. H. Ellwood, W. M.; G. W. Moody, P. M.
- No. 337. Myrtle, Port Robinson.**
W. Bro. N. S. Shafley, P. M.
- No. 338. Dufferin, Wellandport.**
W. Bro. N. Shafley, J. R. Goring, P. M's.
- No. 339. Orient, Toronto.**
W. Bros. G. N. Ferrier, Ira Bates, A. Gillies, P. M's.
- No. 341. Bruce, Tiverton.**
W. Bro. J. M. Bowie, P. M.
- No. 344. Merrill, Dorchester Station.**
W. Bro. Wm. Ferguson, W. M.
- No. 345. Nilestown, Nilestown.**
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, P. M.
- No. 346. The Occident, Toronto.**
V. W. Bro. John Muir, W. Bros. F. Prince, E. J. B. Duncan, P. M's.
- No. 347. Mercer, Fergus.**
R. W. Bro. J. J. Craig, P. M.
- No. 348. Georgian, Penetanguishene.**
W. Bro. G. H. Wright, P. M.
- No. 352. Granite, Parry Sound.**
Bro. N. H. Bundy, S. W.; R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, V.
W. Bro. W. McGowan, W. Bro. D. Macfarlane, P. M's.
- No. 354. Brock, Cannington.**
W. Bro. J. J. Hart, W. M.; Thos. Foster, H. Wilson, P. M's.
- No. 356. River Park, Streetsville.**
W. Bro. F. H. Goodison, P. M.
- No. 357. Waterdown, Millgrove.**
W. Bro. H. W. Hill, W. M.; S. F. Smith, P. M.
- No. 359. Vittoria, Vittoria.**
R. W. Bro. Wm. Kennedy, P. M.
- No. 360. Muskoka, Bracebridge.**
W. Bro. F. B. Warne, R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, W. Bro. P. A. Smith, P. M's.
- No. 361. Waverley, Guelph.**
W. Bro. W. A. Clark, P. M.
- No. 362. Maple Leaf, Tara.**
W. Bro. P. F. Munro, W. M.
- No. 364. Dufferin, Melbourne.**
W. Bro. Robert Wilmott, P. M.

- No. 367. St. George, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Harry Meadows, W. M.; John J. Thompson, W. J. Guy, P. M's.
- No. 368. Salem, Brockville.**
W. Bro. Chas. H. Storey, W. M.; W. H. Harrison, Alex. Pierce, W. R. Scace, E. A. Ginger, A. Graham, W. H. Mowat, R. N. Horton, W. B. Reynolds, N. B. Colcock, Geo. Gale, P. M's.
- No. 369. Mimico, Lambton Mills.**
W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. M.
- No. 370. Harmony, Delta.**
W. Bros. G. S. McGhie, H. L. Davidson, P. M's.
- No. 371. Prince of Wales, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. A. E. Cowan, W. M.; J. W. Turley, H. V. Pain, John Wilson, P. M's.
- No. 372. Palmer, Bridgeburg.**
W. Bro. F. T. Pattison, J. R. Mencke, V. W. Bro. T. J. Wilbee, P. M's.
- No. 373. Copestone, Welland.**
V. W. Bros. G. W. Sutherland, N. Shafely, P. M's.
- No. 374. Keene, Keene.**
R. W. Bros. John M. Shaw, V. W. Bro. Jas. McNeil, W. Bro. Richard Hope, P. M's.
- No. 377. Lorne, Shelburne.**
W. Bro. F. Bate, W. M.
- No. 378. King Solomon's, London West.**
W. Bro. G. A. Stilson, W. M.; Jas. E. Weber, P. M.
- No. 379. Middlesex, Bryanston.**
W. Bro. C. A. Patteson, W. M.
- No. 380. Union, London.**
Bro. B. Noble, S. W.
- No. 382. Doric, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. C. B. Webber, W. M.; Bro. D. R. Gibson, S. W.; W. Bros. Fred. Walter, A. B. Clark, J. A. Lothead, Geo. Purrott, G. H. Lanigan, Chas. Smith, P. M's.
- No. 383. Henderson, Winchester.**
W. Bro. A. Sweet, W. M.; S. S. Reveler, P. M.
- No. 384. Alpha, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Robert Thompson, W. M.
- No. 385. Spry, Beeton.**
W. Bro. J. R. Croft, P. M.
- No. 386. McColl, West Lorne.**
W. Bro. D. McKillop, W. M.; D. F. Webster, P. M.
- No. 387. Lansdowne, Lansdowne.**
W. Bro. W. G. Johnston, W. M.; Bro. S. C. Horton, J. W.; W. Bro. J. A. Bradley, P. M.

- No. 389. Crystal Fountain, North Augusta.**
W. Bro. J. H. McCully, W. M.; Bro. C. C. Reid, J. W.;
W. Bros. J. Chapman, J. B. Love, A. A. Chapman, P. M's
- No. 392. Huron, Camlachie.**
W. Bro. D. Mann, W. M.; Bro. F. W. Brown, J. W.; W.
Bros. T. Crawford, J. W. Symington, John Anderson,
Thomas Paton, P. M's.
- No. 393. Forest, Chesley.**
W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, P. M.
- No. 394. King Solomon, Thamesford.**
W. Bro. Arthur Morrison, W. M.
- No. 395. Parvain, Comber.**
W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M.
- No. 396. Cedar, Wiarton.**
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, James Walmsley, V. W.
Bro. Nelson M. Moore, W. Bros. R. W. Sawyer, S. Q.
Cameron, P. M's.
- No. 397. Leopold, Brigden.**
W. Bro. W. J. Fawcett, W. M.
- No. 399. Moffat, Harrietsville.**
W. Bro. W. J. Coates, W. M.
- No. 400. Oakville, Oakville.**
R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson, P. M.
- No. 401. Craig, Deseronto.**
W. Bro. Robert N. Irvine, W. M.; John Cleave, P. M.
- No. 403. Windsor, Windsor.**
W. Bro. Geo. H. Nairn, W. M.; Bro. A. D. Barr, S. W.;
W. Bro. J. H. Rodd, P. M.
- No. 404. Lorne, Tamworth.**
W. Bro. C. R. Jones, W. M.
- No. 405. Mattawa, Mattawa.**
W. Bro. John Mackay, P. M.
- No. 406. The Spry, Fenelon Falls.**
R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P. M.
- No. 409. Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.**
W. Bro. J. H. Elliott, W. M.; W. W. McPhie, P. M.
- No. 410. Zeta, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Geo. McQuillan, W. M.; Bro. D. Grigg, S. W.;
W. Bros. T. G. Malcolm, John T. Thompson, W. R.
Cavell, P. M's.
- No. 412. Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. C. W. McCrea, W. M.; J. H. D. Brown, J. B.
Way, Richard Roberts, M. McFadden, P. M's.
- No. 413. Naphtali, Tilbury Centre.**
W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M.
- No. 414. Pequonga, Rat Portage.**
R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner, P. M.

- No. 415. Fort William, Fort William.**
W. Bro. Fred. Symes, W. M.; J. T. Hollinshead, P. M.
- No. 416. Lyn, Lyn.**
W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, W. M.; Bros. T. Austin Smith, S. W.; M. B. Judson, J. W.; W. Bros. M. Brown, W. Lee. A. E. Cumming, W. C. Laverty, Thomas Peltem, P. M's.
- No. 417. Keewatin, Keewatin Mills.**
R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner, P. M.
- No. 418. Maxwell, Maxwell.**
W. Bro. Jas. Cormack, W. M.; Samuel Henry, P. M.
- No. 419. Bismarck, Point Edward.**
W. Bro. D. J. McDougall, W. M.; J. B. Livingstone, P. M.
- No. 420. Nipissing, North Bay.**
W. Bro. E. S. Senkler, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. J. F. Cobb, P. M.
- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.**
W. Bro. James McGregor, W. M.
- No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.**
W. Bro. D. A. Carmichael, P. M.
- No. 424. Doric, Pickering.**
W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, P. M.
- No. 425. St. Clair, Sombra.**
W. Bro. William Brown, P. M.
- No. 426. Stanley, W. Toronto Junction.**
W. Bros. John Paterson, W. J. Sheppard, A. J. Anderson, P. M's.
- No. 427. Nickel, Sudbury.**
R. W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, W. Bros. Richard Dorsett, D. L. McKinnon, P. M's.
- No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.**
W. Bros. William George, J. T. Lilly, P. M's.
- No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.**
W. Bros. John Purcell, W. E. Baynes-Reed, P. M's.
- No. 432. Hanover, Hanover.**
W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong, W. M.
- No. 433. Bonnechere, Egansville.**
R. W. Bros. N. W. Cleary, W. Bro. A. Sunloff, P. M's.
- No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.**
W. Bro. E. B. Grant, W. M.; J. E. Adams, A. E. Munn, P. M's.
- No. 436. Burns, Hepworth.**
W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, P. M.
- No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. W. J. Barrie, W. M.; Wm. Oldham, P. M.
- No. 438. Harmony, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Lud. K. Cameron, P. M.

- No. 440.** **Arcadia, Minden.**
R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, P. M.
- No. 441.** **Westport, Westport.**
W. Bro. G. H. Berry, W. M.; A. W. Gray, P. M.
- No. 444.** **Nitetis, Creemore.**
W. Bro. R. J. Niddie, P. M.
- No. 445.** **Lake of the Woods, Rat Portage.**
W. Bro. Richard Roberts, P. M.
- No. 447.** **Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
W. Bro. A. A. Beach, W. M.
- No. 449.** **Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. John Howes, W. M.
- No. 450.** **Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury.**
W. Bro. W. S. Hall, W. M.; Bro. Wm. R. Montgomery,
J. W.; R. W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnson, P. M.
- No. 451.** **Somerville, Kinmount.**
R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P. M.
- No. 452.** **Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. R. Duke, W. M.
- No. 453.** **Royal, Fort William.**
W. Bro. John McCrae, P. M.
- No. 454.** **Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. Jas. McCully, P. M.
- No. 455.** **Doric, Little Current.**
R. W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, W. Bro. J. M. Fraser, P. M's.
- No. 456.** **Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bro. A. R. Terry, W. M.; C. H. Merryfield, P. M.
- No. 458.** **Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. F. Warren, W. M.
- No. 459.** **Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. Robt. Allen, P. M.
- No. 460.** **Rideau, Seeley's Bay.**
W. Bro. R. J. Gardiner, W. M.; Bro. H. Y. Willis, S. W.
- No. 461.** **Ionic, Rainy River.**
Bro. J. T. Stephenson, S. W.
- No. 462.** **Temiscaming, New Liskeard.**
W. Bro. A. M. Ross, W. M.
- No. 463.** **North Entrance, Haliburton.**
W. Bro. William Giles, W. M.
- No. 464.** **King Edward, Sunderland.**
W. Bro. Jas. Thompson, W. M.
- No. 465.** **Carleton, Carp.**
W. Bro. G. N. Kidd, W. M.; Bro. T. A. Brown, J. W.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

I greet you and welcome you to the good Town of Brockville, and to the 49th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. Let each brother present feel the full responsibility of his position as a representative, and whilst he is renewing old associations and making new acquaintances, let him not forget the claims of duty but attend the sessions of Grand Lodge and assist in the management of the Craft and in legislating for the 32,000 Craftsmen of this Grand Lodge. It is essential for him to remember that the brethren of his Lodge expect him to give his attention to this, rather than to spend the term of Grand Lodge in having what is popularly termed "the time of his life."

The business of Grand Lodge at this session is of very great importance and will require the undivided attention of the brethren in order that it may be completed in the time allotted. The report of the Committee on the Constitution will be presented for adoption, and, as well as the report on the Redistribution of the Districts of the Province, will require careful and full consideration.

MASONIC EVENTS.

On the 6th day of November last, accompanied by M. W. Bro. the Hon. Wm. Gibson, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Allen, Dep. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, I visited the City of Rochester, in the State of New York, and was present at the dedication of the new and magnificent Masonic Temple erected in that city for Craft purposes. We were received by M. W. Bro. Sutherland and R. W. Bro. J. Hungerford Smith, our representative near the Grand Lodge of New York, and were treated and entertained with such cordiality and kindness by those brethren and the Craft in Rochester that we shall always retain pleasant recollections of our visit to the Garden City. The Ceremony of Dedication was performed by M. W. Bro.

Crandell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master and the other officers of his Grand Lodge in a faultless and impressive manner. We were privileged to meet many of the distinguished brethren of that, the largest Grand Lodge in the world, and were pleased to note the prominent position occupied by our own P. G. Master, the Hon. Wm. A. Sutherland, who presided at the magnificent banquet in the Consistory Hall, and was a prominent figure in all the ceremonies and functions of that memorable occasion. We had the great pleasure of hearing our Canadian song, "The Maple Leaf," rendered by a quartette, and listened to it as to the voice of an old familiar friend. M. W. Bro. Gibson and I had the privilege of addressing the great audience of over 2,000 Craftsmen, and my M. W. brother made the speech of his life, his theme being Loyalty and King Edward, and the enthusiasm of the brethren caused me to wonder if we had not been dreaming and were on the other side of the Niagara River. One of the first objects noted on entering the dining room where we were entertained by M. W. Bro. Sutherland, was the flag of Great Britain and the United States intertwined. Under the Union Jack a portrait of King Edward in the regalia of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and under Old Glory the portrait of the Honored President of the United States, in his regalia as a M. M.; bringing to mind the fact that two of the greatest nations of the world were ruled by members of the Craft pledged to peace and good will, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

On the 22nd day of January last, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Allen, Dep. Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District, I visited the Town of Simcoe, and was present at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the introduction of Free Masonry into Norfolk county. We had great difficulty in reaching our destination owing to the snow blockade, and were exposed to a violent rain storm during our drive from Port Dover to Simcoe. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of Wilson District present at the celebration, which was held in the Opera House, and was under the auspices of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, the mother lodge of Col. Wilson, the first Grand Master of Canada. During the evening a concise history of the introduction of Masonry into Norfolk County was read, and R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd pre-

sented Norfolk Lodge with a gavel made from the timber of the first canal lock built in Canada.

On the 27th day of April last, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, I attended the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor. The brethren of Great Western Lodge wisely determined that if their wives, daughters and sweethearts could not be Free Masons they could participate in the festivities of the Semi-Centennial. A reception and banquet was decided upon and was carried out in the most satisfactory manner. A very large number of the brethren and their guests attended, filling the commodious quarters of the Craft to their utmost capacity. Among the great number of eminent Craftsmen present were M. W. Bro. Frank P. Lodge, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and His Honor Judge Van Zile, P. G. C. of the K. T. of Michigan. Many eloquent, witty and instructive addresses were delivered, and with excellent music, the night slipped away, ending one of the most pleasant functions that I have had the pleasure of attending.

CONSTITUTING AND CONSECRATING.

Five Lodges were constituted and consecrated during the past year, the D. D. G. M. of the District where the Lodge was situated officiating for me in each instance.

DEDICATIONS.

Five Especial Communications were held during the year for the purpose of dedicating new Masonic halls.

At Midland, on the 14th of March last, I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Hammill, D. D. G. M. of the District, R. W. Bros. Morgan and Raikes, and other distinguished members of the Craft. The dedication was attended by the members of Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, and a large number of brethren of Georgian District, No. 9. The rooms are commodious and well adapted for the purposes of the Craft, and Caledonia Lodge has every prospect of increased prosperity and usefulness.

At Leamington, on the 26th day of April last, accompanied and assisted by M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. White, D. D. G. M. of Erie District No. 1, and R. W. Bros. Hillier, Allworth, Buchanan, Liddell, and other eminent brethren, I dedicated the new hall of Leamington Lodge, No. 290. The function was attended by the brethren of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, and a large number of brethren of the District. The rooms are

commodious and well adapted for the purpose intended. This Lodge deserves great credit for the enterprise of its members, as this Lodge room is the third which they have fitted up and furnished, the first and second rooms having been destroyed by fire.

At East Toronto, on the 16th day of May last, assisted by M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Allen, Dep. Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Eakins, Grand Senior Warden, and a number of eminent brethren of the Craft I dedicated the Masonic Hall of Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto, to Craft purposes. The ceremony was attended by a delegation of brethren of the Lodge and a number from the city of Toronto. The rooms are neat, well furnished and commodious, and well adapted for the purposes intended. At Sundridge, on the 24th May last, assisted by M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Allen, Dep. Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Whitby, D. D. G. M. of Muskoka District; R. W. Bro. Cobb, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. J. M. Shearer, and other eminent brethren, I dedicated the Lodge room of Strong Lodge, No. 423, at Sundridge, to Craft purposes. The ceremony was attended by a large number of brethren from Strong Lodge and the Lodges in the vicinity. The Lodge room is owned by the brethren of Strong Lodge and is a neat and attractive meeting place for the brethren, the lower story being used for a village hall and dining room. The brethren of Strong Lodge are to be congratulated on their public spirit. The banquet held in the dining room was one of the most enjoyable that I attended during the year. M. W. Bro. Murray and R. W. Bro. Allen preceded me for the purpose of trout fishing, and each guest at the banquet was served with a deliciously cooked trout. Some doubt was expressed by the brethren that M. W. Bro. Murray and R. W. Bro. Allen had furnished this part of the feast. R. W. Bro. Whitby, the energetic D. D. G. M. deserves great credit for the flourishing condition of Strong Lodge.

On the first day of June last I visited Wiarton, and with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Ferguson and other prominent brethren I dedicated the new lodge rooms of Cedar Lodge, No. 396. A very large number of the members of Cedar Lodge and visitors from neighboring lodges were in attendance. The rooms are the best adapted to the intended use that have been dedicated to Craft pur-

poses this year in this jurisdiction, and the brethren of Cedar Lodge are to be congratulated on owning such comfortable quarters.

CORNER STONES.

On the 30th day of May last I convened an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge to assist me in laying the corner stone of Knox Church, at Auburn, in the County of Huron, in South Huron District, No. 4. A large concourse of Masons from Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, the local lodge, and from Clinton, Goderich and Blyth were present and assisted in the ceremony. I am indebted to R. W. Bro. Shaw and the brethren of Clinton Lodge, No. 84, for their kindness to me during my sojourn in the town of Clinton.

On the 1st day of July instant an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge convened at Port Dover, in Wilson District, No. 6, to lay the corner stone of the Town Hall. A large number of brethren from Hamilton, Caledonia, Jarvis, Hagersville, Simcoe, Delhi and Waterford, and of the local lodge, Erie No. 149, were in attendance. I was assisted by M. W. Bro. Murray, and a number of eminent brethren, including two veterans, over 80 years of age, W. Bros. Barratt and Lawson. The ceremony was performed in a downpour of rain, which shortened the speeches if it did not improve the proceedings.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGES.

I granted eight dispensations for new lodges; a list is given in the report of the Grand Secretary. I am advised by the D. D. G. M's of the several districts that they are thriving and prosperous, and I trust they will receive their warrants from Grand Lodge and prosper and do good work in the cause of Free Masonry in their several localities.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

A number of Grand Representatives have been appointed on my recommendation during the past year; a list of such appointments is given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

BY-LAWS.

I have examined and approved the By-laws of 17 Lodges and examined and approved amendments to the By-laws of 33 Lodges during the year. A list is given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted 171 Dispensations during the year; a list is attached to the report of the Grand Secretary setting forth the object of the grant in each case.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

So far as advised 7 Lodges of Instruction were held during the year, and owing to the severity of the weather I was only able to attend the Lodge of Instruction held at Orangeville on the 17th November, 1903, for Wellington District, No. 7, under R. W. Bro. J. J. Craig. There was a large attendance of brethren present, including M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. McLaren, Irwin and other brethren of note. The three degrees were exemplified in a most satisfactory manner, and I am confident the instruction communicated will be of great advantage to the District. On the 24th June last I attended a Lodge of Instruction at Picton for Prince Edward District, No. 13, under R. W. Bro. Wright, D. D. G. M. of that District. There was a large attendance of brethren present, including R. W. Bro. O'Flynn and contingents from Belleville, Trenton, Campbellford and Wellington. The three degrees were exemplified in a most satisfactory manner and much good accomplished.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of Grand Lodge is shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer. The total receipts for the year were \$30,263.95; total disbursements were \$25,937.10, leaving a surplus for the year of \$4,326.85. This surplus added to the cash balance at the first of the year, \$13,829.66, made a total of \$18,156.51, and after the purchase of St. Thomas School debentures for \$12,148.50, leaving a balance on the 31st day of May last of \$6,008.01. Since the 31st May last the sum of \$12,858.65 has been received and deposited in the bank; disbursements \$999.75, making our balance at date \$17,866.91. I recommend the investment of a further sum of \$6,000.00 in good securities. The funds of Grand Lodge are deposited upon receipt to the credit of Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

BENEVOLENCE.

During the year Grand Lodge has expended the sum of \$12,905 in benevolence to the members of the Craft in this jurisdiction in addition to the sum expended by the Lodges.

DEATHS.

The Craft in this and the sister Grand Lodges have been called upon to mourn the removal of many useful and eminent brethren whose loss will long be felt. Full particulars will be found in the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead.

My attention has been called to the fact that the grave of our late respected Past Grand Master, Bro. T. D. Harrington, is without anything to mark his last resting in "the silent city of the dead." In view of the great and unflinching interest taken by our late M. W. brother in everything calculated to advance Masonry in its early days in this province, I recommend that a grant be made and a committee of three appointed to secure and erect a suitable monument in memory of our deceased brother.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

I repeat my recommendation as to the formation of a fund of Benevolence to be placed in the hands of trustees and forever devoted to that purpose. I also recommend the transfer of the Asylum Fund to the Benevolent Fund, and that the sum of \$20,000 be placed to the credit of that fund and invested, and that the interest derived from the investment be applied in payment of four annuities of \$200 each to four of the most deserving and needy of the unfortunate brethren on our list.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Substantial progress has been made in the raising of this fund. There is now on deposit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the credit of this fund \$5,110.22. Besides a number of Lodges have amended their By-laws increasing their yearly dues by \$1.00 per year for three years to pay the yearly quota of their members. The 14th District leads all the Districts in this jurisdiction in its contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and my own District, No. 12, comes next on the list. The three lodges of the grand old city of Kingston have paid in their full quota for the year to the fund.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

I can only repeat that it was my good fortune to state in my address last year. This is a record year in our history—peace and prosperity within our borders. The

CONCLUSION.

talented Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals will have but one new case to investigate.

My relations with the officers of the several lodges and members of the Craft have been most cordial and fraternal. I am especially indebted to the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Allen, who has supported me in all my undertakings, and to M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, who has so efficiently performed the important duties of his office as to relieve me of a great deal of responsibility. I am also indebted to M. W. Bro. Malone for many acts of courtesy and for sound advice whenever I applied to him therefor. The District Deputy Grand Masters have worthily performed their arduous duties. Owing to the death of R. W. Bro. Moffatt, D.D.G.M. of the Ontario District, No. 12, I was compelled to call upon several Past District Deputy Grand Masters of the District to visit the lodges and perform the duties of District Deputy. My call was responded to, and I desire to return my thanks to R. W. Bros. Simpson, Walker, Shaw, Wood, Fitzgerald and W. Bro. Anderson, who besides visiting and reporting upon two of the lodges compiled the report for me. I would ask Grand Lodge to confer the honorary rank of Past Grand Registrar upon W. Bro. Anderson in return for his diligent and faithful service to the District and to Free Masonry. Brethren, before we part I shall have delivered the gavel of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to my successor in this most important office, and bespeak for him the same brotherly support that I have received during the period that I have ruled the Craft. My task is completed, the record made, and I ask my brethren to spread the broad mantle of a Mason's charity over my shortcomings and deficiencies.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,
Grand Master.

Dated at Lindsay this 15th day of July, 1904, A. L. 1904.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved. That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

ADDRESS OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

My report must necessarily deal, chiefly, with the visits which I have paid during the year to lodges in this jurisdiction, and elsewhere.

While I have been unable to accept many of the invitations so kindly extended by the lodges in this jurisdiction, yet I have on thirty-one occasions visited as Deputy Grand Master, and attended ninety-four other meetings as a private member of the Craft, making one hundred and twenty-five meetings during the year, or an average of four each week, from September until June.

I visited Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, on September 14th; Ashlar, 247, Toronto, on September 22nd; Zetland, 326, Toronto, Sept. 25th; Ionic, 25, Toronto, Oct. 6th; Stevenson, 218, Toronto, Oct. 12th; Stanley, 426, Toronto Junction, Nov. 3rd; Rehoboam, 65, Toronto, Nov. 5th; King Solomon, 22, Toronto, Nov. 12th; Doric, 318, Toronto, Nov. 25th; York, 156, Eglington, Dec. 18th; Norfolk, 10, Simcoe, Dec. 22nd; Zetland, 326, Toronto, Dec. 23rd; Ashlar, 247, Toronto, Dec. 29; Georgina, 343, Toronto, Jan. 2nd; Harmony, 438, Toronto, Jan. 25th; Humber, 305, Weston, Jan. 28th; Leeds, 201, Gananoque, Feb. 18th; Civil Service, 148, Ottawa, March 8th; Doric, 316, Toronto, March 17th; Petrolia, 194, Petrolia, March 25th; St. Andrews, 16, Toronto, April 12th; Acacia, 430, East Toronto, May 16th; Strong, 423, Sundridge, May 24th.

I do not deem it necessary to give a full report of each of these visits; suffice it to say, that in each case the work was most creditably done.

On the occasion of my visit to Ashlar Lodge, Sept. 22nd, R. W. Bro. Dr. A. F. Webster was the recipient of the regalia of Past District Deputy Grand Master from the brethren of the District, and on the same evening the brethren of Ashlar Lodge presented V. W. Bro. John McKnight and Worshipful Bro. N. R. Miller, two Past Masters of the Lodge, with tokens of their esteem and good wishes on their leaving the rank of bachelor for that of benedict.

My visit to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst,

was one of great pleasure, and too much credit cannot be given to W. Bro. Dr. Elliott and his officers and to Dr. McPhee and others for the admirable work done, and for the position in which the Lodge stands to-day. I hope in the near future to see them in a new home.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, had an "All Canadian Night" on Sept. 25th, which was a great success, and which, I trust, will be followed by many similar nights by this and other lodges. The toast of "Canada, Our Country," was proposed by Bro. Dr. Clark, of Trinity University, Toronto, and responded to by M. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, of Guysboro, P. G. Master of Nova Scotia, and those who had the privilege of being present were delighted with the eloquence of these distinguished brethren.

On Oct. 6th Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto, honored itself by presenting the regalia of Grand Senior Warden to the present occupant of that office, R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins, who is a Past Master of that Lodge and one of its most faithful workers.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, entertained Washington Lodge, Buffalo, On Nov. 25th, when a most enjoyable evening was spent with our Canadian and American brethren.

I had also the pleasure of being present at their "Irish Night" on 17th March, and I need not say I enjoyed Doric's truly Irish hospitality.

My visit to York Lodge, No. 156, Eglinton, Dec. 18th, was on the occasion of the installation of officers, which was admirably done by that veteran in Craft Masonry, R. W. Bro. John Fisher. On this occasion V. W. Bro. R. W. Hull was presented with the regalia of his office, that of Assistant Grand Organist.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, celebrated the Centennial of Masonry in Norfolk County on December 22nd in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and the brethren who were able to attend were fully repaid for the inconvenience and discomfort they experienced owing to the inclement weather, by the history read by Bro. J. F. Thompson, and the instructive addresses delivered at the banquet which followed.

On April 12th St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, honored R. W. Bro. Æmilus Irving by presenting him with an illuminated address and a Loving Cup on the sixtieth anniversary of his initiation, and on the same evening V. W. Bro. Capt. McMaster was presented with a gold mounted ebony cane.

I attended a District Lodge of Instruction held by R. W. Bro. Skinner, under the auspices of Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque, on Feb. 18th, and I congratulated the R. W. Bro. on the energy he displayed in getting so many lodges to take part in the work. I also attended a District Lodge of Instruction in Petrolia on March 25th, held by Dr. Wilmott, under the auspices of Petrolia and Washington lodges. The work of the three degrees was exemplified by these two lodges and Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, in a highly creditable manner.

I accompanied the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and took part in the dedication of the halls of Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto, and Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, and I congratulate the brethren of both these lodges on their tasteful and comfortable homes.

I was called upon to respond for this Grand Lodge at the reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Hamilton, on February 4th, and in Ottawa on March 11th, and also in St. John's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Hamilton, on the occasion of the presentation of a testimonial by the Grand Chapter of Canada to their Past Grand First Principal M. W. Bro. Hon. Senator Gibson.

I have endeavored to cement more firmly the bonds of true brotherhood between this and other jurisdictions. It was my privilege during the year to visit Cascade Lodge, No. 12, Vancouver, on August 17th, when the son of our beloved and R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf was initiated by M. W. Bro. Harry Watson, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, assisted by M. W. Bros. R. T. Walkem, E. T. Malone, R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf and myself of this Grand Lodge, and also M. W. Bro. Archdeacon Mattheson, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The evening was one of pleasure and profit.

In conjunction with the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Senator Gibson, I had the honor of being the guest of M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Hon. P. G. Master of this Grand Lodge, in the city of Rochester, on Nov. 6th, when the ceremony of dedicating the Masonic Temple was conducted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and his officers. I desire to express my thanks to M. W. Bro. Sutherland for his princely hospitality, and also to the brethren of Rochester for their kind reception of us, as well as to the quartette for their beautiful rendition of our National anthem, "The Maple Leaf."

On March 4th I had the honor of visiting Albion Lodge, St. John, New Brunswick, and of being received with M. W. Bro. Judge Trueman, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Hon. Senator Ellis, P. G. M., accompanied by about twenty of the officers of Grand Lodge, marshalled by R. W. Bro. G. B. Hegan. The Worshipful Master, Dr. Ellis, welcomed the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, and M. W. Bro. Trueman extended the greetings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to the Grand Lodge of Canada through your Deputy Grand Master.

By no means the least pleasant visit made by me outside the jurisdiction was that to Holland Lodge, No. 8, in the city of New York, on May 10th, when I was received and welcomed by W. Bro. Freeman and his officers and members. The work of the second degree was the best I have ever seen in any lodge in the United States. The toast of the Grand Lodge of Canada and its Deputy Grand Master was enthusiastically received, and what pleased me most was the honor done to our Most Gracious Sovereign, His Imperial Majesty Edward VII., the brethren of Holland Lodge singing "God Save the King" twice. I trust the spirit of brotherhood which has done so much to bind together the two great nations on this continent may be still more in evidence as the years roll by, and that peace and harmony may reign until time shall be no more.

Before closing my report I desire to express to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master my sincere thanks for his uniform courtesy to me during my two years as his deputy, and my great pleasure at being able to state that no semblance of friction has arisen between us to retard the work of the Craft. My relations with the Most Worshipful the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and R. W. Bro. Gunn have been of the most pleasant character, and I trust that we have not failed in the performance of any portion of our duties.

And now, my brethren, if my work in the Craft has met with your approval, I am amply repaid. I trust that the coming year, the semi-centennial of this Grand Lodge, may be marked by still greater progress, and that each Lodge may vie with the other as to who can best work and best agree.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

BENJAMIN ALLEN,

Deputy Grand Master.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Walkem, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the address of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my annual report containing an account of all moneys received by me and paid over to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st. May 1904, also a summary of the expenditure for the year, with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1904, and returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1904, together with, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of the Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates.....	\$ 5,271 50
Dues.....	14,838 75
Fees.....	3,125 75
Dispensations.....	750 68
Warrants.....	80 00
Constitutions, etc	862 00
Commutation of dues.....	640 00
Miscellaneous.....	489 00

Interest on debentures, etc. as follows :

Brockville debentures, \$3,000 at 4%.....	\$120 00	
Woodstock debentures, \$7,000 at 6%.....	420 00	
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., \$15,000 at 4%	600 00	
Canada Permanent & Wes Canada Mort. Corporation, \$10,000 at 4% ..	400 00	
Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co. \$10,000 at 4%.....	400 00	
Landed Banking & Loan Co. \$15,000 at 4% ..	600 00	
Canada Savings & Loan Co. \$5,000 at 4%.....	200 00	
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., \$5,000 at 4%..	200 00	
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4%	600 00	
Brantford debentures, \$8,000 at 4%.....	320 00	
Interest on deposits in bank.....	203 84	\$4,063 84

\$30,141 52

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1903			
June	9	Deposit.....	\$ 112 50
"	18	"	579 25
"	20	"	148 75
"	22	"	104 75
"	23	"	201 75
"	24	"	329 75
"	25	"	487 75
"	26	"	851 00
"	27	"	753 00
"	29	"	1,146 75
"	30	"	973 25
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			\$5,688 50
July	2	"	916 65
"	3	"	436 85
"	4	"	276 50
"	6	"	713 25
"	7	"	739 75
"	8	"	236 25
"	9	"	562 25
"	10	"	293 25
"	11	"	263 00
"	18	"	1,279 30
"	23	"	265 45
"	25	"	103 50
"	27	"	170 75
"	28	"	60 00
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			\$6,316 75
August	1	"	56 00
"	3	"	227 75
"	7	"	75 75
"	11	"	140 50
"	14	"	195 00
"	21	"	49 25
"	29	"	104 00
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			\$848 25
Sept.	9	"	124 75
"	18	"	252 75
"	23	"	49 75
"	29	"	136 75
"	30	"	83 75
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			\$647 75
October	2	"	400 00
"	9	"	150 50
"	19	"	64 75
"	22	"	39 00
"	31	"	188 25
"	31	"	300 00
"	31	"	160 00
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			\$1,302 50
Nov.	9	"	71 00
"	3	"	100 00
"	3	"	100 00
"	3	"	300 00
"	3	"	300 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Nov. 19	Deposit.....	101 50	
" 19	"	317 43	
" 30	"	116 50	
" 30	"	142 69	
		<hr/>	\$1,549 12
Dec. 8	"	210 25	
" 12	"	153 00	
" 22	"	202 25	
" 29	"	346 75	
		<hr/>	\$912 25
1904			
Jan. 4	"	1,337 25	
" 4	"	300 00	
" 4	"	420 00	
" 6	"	852 75	
" 7	"	433 75	
" 11	"	1,139 50	
" 12	"	398 50	
" 14	"	344 25	
" 16	"	312 25	
" 20	"	522 75	
" 25	"	324 75	
" 28	"	238 50	
" 30	"	160 25	
		<hr/>	\$6,784 50
Feb. 5	"	777 25	
" 8	"	264 25	
" 12	"	480 50	
" 15	"	244 25	
" 23	"	184 00	
" 23	"	60 00	
" 28	"	231 50	
		<hr/>	\$2,241 75
March 5	"	247 75	
" 7	"	157 75	
" 14	"	227 25	
" 16	"	88 50	
" 26	"	190 25	
" 31	"	113 75	
		<hr/>	\$1 025 25
April 1	"	95 75	
" 2	"	160 00	
" 5	"	400 00	
" 7	"	88 50	
" 12	"	244 50	
" 16	"	83 50	
" 22	"	124 50	
" 30	"	55 50	
		<hr/>	\$1,252 25
May 2	"	130 00	
" 2	"	300 00	
" 2	"	300 00	
" 2	"	100 00	
" 2	"	100 00	
" 11	"	81 50	

May 19	Deposit.....	96 75	
" 26	"	133 25	
" 31	"	270 00	
" 31	"	61 15	\$1,572 65
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			\$39,141 52

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

For the year ending 31st May 1904.

Salary to Grand Treasurer, one year to 30th March	\$ 200 00
Salary to Grand Secretary, one year to the 30th March	2,000 00
Salary to Grand Secretary's Assistant, 14 months to 31st May	934 00
Salary of stenographer, 14 months to 31 May, 1904 ...	350 00
R. L. Gunn, Grand Lodge auditor.....	300 00
Masonic Hall Association, rent 2 years to 1st April, 1904	350 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
Balance of Incidentals to 31st May, 1903.....	112 68
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals.....	700 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond, 1904.....	12 56
Bell Telephone Co. account to 1st June, 1904.....	50 25
T. H. Hand, mailing tubes for certificates	13 00
Jos. Doust, tin box and files for Grand Treasurer.....	6 50
Wands, sword case and working tools	39 25
Repairing Grand Lodge regalia.....	37 30
Insurance on Grand Lodge regalia.....	21 00
Spectator Printing Company, printing	1,631 60
Hunter Rose & Co., printing reports.....	126 50
Howell Lithographing Company, cheque books.....	64 00
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates.....	737 45
R. Duncan & Co., stationery.....	37 80
A. C. Turnbull & Co., stationery.....	83 55
W. Bruce, engrossing address and warrants	27 25
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, balance expenses 1902-3.....	397 08
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, travelling expen. 1903-4.....	500 00
Expenses Board of General Purposes.....	1,122 85
Expenses meeting of Grand Lodge.....	106 75
R. W. Bro. Nixon, expen. benevolent investigation.....	492 75
Chairman, Board of Benevolence, postage.....	15 00
Masonic Relief Association, subscription for 1903.....	152 00
Expenses, committee on revision of the Constitution.....	100 80
Expenses, commission re Bro. W. C. Lloyd, investigation.....	13 60
Expenses, committee on re-distribution of districts.....	27 00
W. C. Brent, accrued interest, city of St Thomas debentures.....	89 33
MacDonald, Shepley & Co., opinion and draft bond.....	50 00
St. George's Lodge No. 367, refund by Corinthian Lodge, Rossland, B. C.....	30 00
Mrs. J. J. Mason, gratuity.....	2 000 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, express charges	25
Grants for benevolence.....	12,905 00
	\$25,937 10

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were held as follows :

On the 16th October, 1903, at Monkton, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Elma Lodge, No. 456, R. W. Bro. William Elliot, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 23rd October, 1903, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 10th November, 1903, at Merlin, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Century Lodge, No. 457, R. W. Bro. Geo. E. White, D. D. G. M., presiding.

On the 16th November, 1903, at Wales, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Wales Lodge No. 458, R. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 19th November, 1903, at Cobden, for the purpose of consecrating and constituting Cobden Lodge No. 459, R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 20th November, 1903, at Little Current, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Doric Lodge, No. 455, R. W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, M. D., D. D. G. M. officiating.

On the 14th March, 1904, at Midland, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 26th April, 1904, at Leamington, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 16th May, 1904, at East Toronto, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Acacia Lodge, No. 430, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 24th May, 1904, at Sundridge, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Strong Lodge, No. 423, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 31st May, 1904, at Auburn, for the purpose of assisting the M. W. the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of Knox Presbyterian Church, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 1st of June, 1904, at Wiarton, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 1st of July, at Port Dover, for the purpose of assisting the M. W. the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the new Town Hall, M. W. Bro. John E. Harding officiating.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

North Entrance Lodge, Haliburton, in Ontario District No. 12, dispensation dated 18th September, 1903.

King Edward Lodge, Sunderland, in Toronto East District No. 11a, dispensation dated 19th October, 1903.

Carleton Lodge, Carp. in Ottawa District No. 16, dispensation dated 24th October, 1903.

Coronation Lodge, Elmvale, in Georgian District No. 9, dispensation dated 23rd November, 1903.

Peel Lodge, Caledon East, in Toronto West District No. 11, dispensation dated 18th April, 1904.

Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham, in Georgian District No. 9, dispensation dated 29th April, 1904.

Algoma Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, in Nipissing District No. 18, dispensation dated 27th May, 1904.

Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbor, in Georgian District No. 9, dispensation dated 22nd June, 1904.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following appointments have been made, viz :

R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Clendenan, Toronto, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida, in place of M. W. Bro. Mason, deceased.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Clark, Windsor, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in place of R. W. Bro. G. S. Landerkin, deceased.

R. W. Bro. James McLauchlan, Owen Sound, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in place of R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson, deceased.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Toronto, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, in place of R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, deceased.

R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, London, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, London, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, in place of R. W. Bro. D. S. Carley, left the jurisdiction.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

The Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following lodges, viz :

1903.	8th June	Hawkesbury Lodge	No. 450,	Hawkesbury.
	9th June	United Lodge	" 29,	Brighton.
	25th June	Golden Rule Lodge	" 126,	Campbellford.
	20th Aug.	Kilwinning Lodge	" 64,	London.
	20th Aug.	Avonmore Lodge	" 452,	Avonmore.
	16th Oct.	Doric Lodge	" 233,	Park Hill.
	11th Nov.	Rodney Lodge	" 411,	Rodney.
	30th Nov.	Dundalk Lodge	" 449,	Dundalk.
	11th Dec.	J. B. Hall Lodge	" 145,	Milbrook.
1904.	9th Jan.	Henderson Lodge	" 383,	W. Winchester.
	23rd Apr.	Lake of the Woods L'ge	" 445,	Rat Portage.
	20th May.	Harmony Lodge	" 438,	Toronto.
	23rd May.	Keystone Lodge	" 412,	Sault Ste. Marie.
	18th June.	Prince Edward Lodge	" 18,	Picton.
	18th June.	Elma Lodge	" 456,	Monkton.
	18th June.	Merrill Lodge	" 344,	Dorchester.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges, viz :

1903.	25th June.	Wilson Lodge	No. 86,	Toronto.
	11th July.	Huron Lodge	" 392,	Camlachie.
	23rd July.	Craig Lodge	" 401,	Deseronto.
	25th July.	Powassen Lodge	" 443,	Powassen.
	27th July.	St. Lawrence Lodge	" 131,	Southampton.
	20th Aug.	Granite Lodge	" 446,	Fort Frances.
	20th Aug.	New Dominion Lodge	" 205,	New Hamburg.
	22nd Oct.	Madawaska Lodge	" 196,	Arnprior.
	23rd Oct.	Strict Observance	" 27,	Hamilton.
	11th Nov.	Brant Lodge	" 45,	Brantford.
	16th Nov.	Stratford Lodge	" 332,	Stratford.
	19th Nov.	King Hiram Lodge	" 78,	Tilsonburg.
	23rd Nov.	Georgina Lodge	" 343,	Toronto.
	27th Nov.	King Solomon's Lodge	" 22,	Toronto.
	9th Dec.	Keystone Lodge	" 412,	Sault Ste. Marie.
	14th Dec.	Harriston Lodge	" 262,	Harriston.
	15th Dec.	King Solomon's Lodge	" 22,	Toronto.
1904.	7th Jan.	Lorne Lodge	" 404,	Tamworth.
	19th Jan.	Rehoboam Lodge	" 65,	Toronto.
	1st Feb.	Stratford Lodge	" 332,	Stratford.
	13th Feb.	Marmora Lodge	" 222,	Marmora.
	27th Feb.	St. George Lodge	" 243,	St. George.
	9th Mar.	King Hiram Lodge	" 78,	Tilsonburg.
	9th Mar.	Humber Lodge	" 305,	Weston.
	11th Mar.	Manito Lodge	" 90,	Collingwood.
	16th Mar.	Tecumseh Lodge	" 144,	Stratford.
	22nd Mar.	Alexandria Lodge	" 439,	Alexandria.
	15th Apr.	Lorne Lodge	" 282,	Glencoe.
	25 Apr.	Norwood Lodge	" 223,	Norwood.
	29 May.	Copstone Lodge	" 373,	Welland.
	18th June.	Shuniah Lodge	" 287,	Port Arthur.
	18th June.	Kent Lodge	" 274,	Blenheim.
	26th June.	Ontario Lodge	" 26,	Port Hope.

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 13, 1903..	345	Nilestown	Nilestown	To Install.
" 13	201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine Service.
" 13, "	127	Frank	Frankfort	Divine Service.
" 13, "	129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine Service.
" 19, "	82	St. John's	Paris	To Install.
" 19, "	159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine Service.
" 19, "	186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Divine Service.
" 19, "	147	Mississippi	Almonte	Divine Service.
" 19, "	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	Divine Service.
" 19, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine Service.
" 19, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine Service.
" 19, "	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	Divine Service.
" 19, "	107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Divine Service.
" 19, "	400	Oakville	Oakville	Divine Service.
" 22, "	165	Burlington	Burlington	Divine Service.
" 23, "	69	Stirling	Stirling	Divine Service.
" 29, "	66	Durham	Newcastle	To Install.
" 30, "	83	Beaver	Strathroy	Divine Service.
" 30, "	194	Petrolia	Petrolia	Divine Service.
" 30, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine Service.
" 30, "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Divine Service.
" 30, "	120	Warren	Fingal	Divine Service.
July 2, "	398	Victoria	Kirkfield	To Install.
" 2, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	* WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
July 6, 1903.	184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	Divine Service.
" 7, "	5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	Divine Service.
" 7, "	143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	Divine Service.
" 7, "	242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	Divine Service.
" 7, "	370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	Divine Service.
" 7, "	458	Wales.....	Wales.....	Divine Service.
" 7, "	125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	Divine Service.
" 7, "	418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	Divine Service.
" 9, "	137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	Divine Service.
" 9, "	385	Spry.....	Beeton.....	Divine Service.
" 9, "	90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	Divine Service.
" 9, "	234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	Divine Service.
" 13, "	420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	Divine Service.
" 13, "	434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	Divine Service.
" 23, "	73	St. James.....	St. Marys.....	Divine Service.
" 23, "	76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Divine Service.
" 24, "	320	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	To Meet on Other Night.
Aug. 18, "	196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	" Meet in Rooms of Lodge 339.
" 21, "	430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	" Decorate Graves.
" 28, "	408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	" Meet in Society Hall.
Sept. 15, "	38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	Divine Service.
Oct. 26, "	255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	To Install.
Nov. 3, "	164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	Divine Service.
" 10, "	367	St George.....	Toronto.....	" At Home."
" 11, "	346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	" At Home."

DISPENSATION 5—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Nov. 30,	61	Acacia	Hamilton	To Install.
" 30,	401	Craig	Deseronto	" Elect.
Dec. 1,	410	Zeta	Toronto	" Meet Other Night.
" 1,	410	Zeta	Toronto	" "At Home."
" 10,	64	Kilwinning	London	To Confer Degrees.
" 23,	105	Tuscan	London	" "At Home."
" 7,	38	Trent	Trenton	To Install.
" 8,	63	St. John's	Carleton Place	" Install.
" 9,	153	Burns	Wyoming	" Install.
" 9,	247	Ashlar	Toronto	" Meet on Other Night.
" 9,	47	Great Western	Windsor	" Install.
" 12,	140	Malahide	Aylmer	" Install.
" 12,	22	King Solomon's	Toronto	" Install.
" 12,	134	Thistle	Amherstburg	" Install.
" 12,	442	Dymont	Thessalon	" Meet on Other Night.
" 14,	243	St. George	St. George	" Install.
" 16,	326	Zetland	Toronto	" Confer Degrees.
" 16,	430	Acacia	East Toronto	" Meet in Society Hall.
" 19,	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	" "At Home."
" 17,	421	Scott	Grand Valley	To Install.
" 16,	326	Zetland	Toronto	" Meet on Other Night.
" 16,	249	Caledonian	Midland	" Install.
" 16,	192	Orillia	Orillia	" Meet on Other Night.
" 16,	180	Speed	Guelph	" Install.
" 16,	79	Simcoe	Bradford	" Elect and Install.

DISPENSATIONS - *Cont. need.*

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Dec. 16, 1903	58	Doric	Ottawa	To Meet on Other Night.
" 16, "	74	St. James	Bethel	Divine Service.
" 16, "	277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	Divine Service.
Sept. 28, "	142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	To Confer Degrees.
Dec. 19, "	304	Minerva	Stroud	" Install.
" 19, "	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	" Install.
" 19, "	97	Sharon	Sharon	" Install.
" 21, "	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	" Install.
" 21, "	131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	" Install.
" 23, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	" Install.
" 23, "	334	Prince Arthur	Ar hur	" Install.
" 27, "	41	St. George	Kingsville	Divine Service.
" 28, "	295	Conestogo	Drayton	To Install.
" 28, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	" Install.
" 28, "	263	Forest	Forest	" Install.
" 28, "	181	Oriental	Port Burwell	" Install.
" 28, "	216	Harris	Orangeville	" Install.
" 28, "	186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	" Install.
" 28, "	172	Ayr	Ayr	" Install.
" 29, "	207	Lancaster	Lancaster	" Install.
" 29, "	33	Maitland	Goderich	" Install.
" 30, "	159	Goodwood	Richmond	" Install.
" 31, "	234	Beaver	Clarksburg	" Install.
" 31, "	224	Zurich	Hensall	" Install.
" 31, "	217	Frederich	Delhi	" Install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Dec. 31, 1903	309	Morning Star	Smith's Hill	To Install.
" 31, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	" Install.
Jan. 2, 1904	434	Algonquin	Emsdale	" Install.
" 4, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	" Install.
" 4, "	348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	" Install.
" 6, "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	" At Home.
" 6, "	458	Wales	Wales	" At Home.
" 8, "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	" At Home.
" 12, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	" At Home.
" 15, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	" At Home.
Dec 15, 1903	438	Harmony	Toronto	To Change Meeting.
Jan. 12, 1904	450	Union	Napanee	Divine Service.
" 21, "	411	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	To Install.
" 21, "	420	Rodney	Rodney	" Install.
" 21, "	42	Nipissing	North Bay	" At Home "
" 23, "	U. D.	St. George	London	" At Home."
" 25, "	361	King Edward	Sunderland	To Occupy Temporary Quarters.
" 26, "	384	Waverly	Guelph	" At Home."
" 27, "	375	Alpha	Toronto	" At Home."
Feb. 2, "	64	Lorne	Omemee	To Elect.
" 6, "	31	Kilwinning	London	" At Home."
" 12, "	326	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	To Elect.
" 17, "	343	Zetland	Toronto	" Change Hour of Meeting.
" 18, "	9	Georgina	Toronto	" Change Meeting Night.
" 12, "	11	Molra	Belleville	Divine Service

DISPENSATIONS *Continued.*

DATE	No	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Feb. 22, 1904	65	Rehoboth	Toronto	To Attend a Musicales.
" 23, "	325	Orono	Orono	" At Home.
" 26, "	356	River Park	Streetsville	To Install.
Mar. 8, "	147	Mississippi	Almonte	" At Home.
" 13, "	357	Myrtle	Port Robinson	To Confer Degrees.
April 5, "	161	Percy	Warkworth	" Hold an Assembly.
" 11, "	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	" At Home.
" 13, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	" At Home.
" 15, "	446	Granite	Fort Frances	To Initiate Out of Jurisdiction.
May 5, "	345	Nilestown	Nilestown	" Change Night of Meeting.
" 6, "	106	Burford	Burford	Divine Service.
" 7, "	247	Ashlar	Toronto	To Change Night of Meeting.
" 12, "	187	Markham Union	Markham	" Attend a Concert.
" 23, "	230	Kerr	Barrie	" Install.
" 25, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine Service.
" 28, "	133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	" At Home.
June 7, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	Divine Service.
" 8, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	To Install.
" 8, "	377	Lorne	Shelburne	Divine Service.
" 8, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	Divine Service.
" 10, "	440	Arcadia	Minden	Divine Service.
" 10, "	77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	Divine Service.
" 10, "	2	Niagara	Niagara	Divine Service.
" 10, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	To Install.
" 14, "	23	Richmold	Richmond Hill	" Install.

DISPENSATIONS - Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 16, 1904.	219	Credit.....	Georgetown	Divine Service.
" 16, "	82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	To Install.
" 20, "	433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville	Divine Service.
" 22, "	186	Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet	Divine Service.
" 22, "	396	Cedar	Warton.....	Divine Service.
" 22, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine Service.
" 22, "	420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	To Install.
" 23, "	165	Burlington	Burlington	"
" 24, "	201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine Service.
" 24, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	Divine Service.
" 24, "	30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	Divine Service.
" 25, "	114	Hope	Port Hope.....	Divine Service.
" 27, "	224	Zurich	Hensall	Divine Service.

Fraternally submitted,

Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, 13th July, 1904.

**Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.**

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, 20th July, 1904

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province
of Ontario:

I herewith submit a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of
the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1904.

The balance at the credit of the Current Account in
the Canadian Bank of Commerce, on the 30th day
of May, 1903, was.....\$13,829 66

During the year the following amounts have been received by me from the Grand Sec- retary, viz: Cash.....	\$26,077 68	
Interest from Investments.....	3,860 00	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	203 84	
Discounts on purchase of City of St. Thomas Debentures bearing 4%, purchased to yield 4 1 16%.....	122 43	30,263 95

\$44,093 61

The expenditure during the year for General

Purposes were.....	\$11,032 10	
For Benevolence.....	12,905 00	
For Investment City of St. Thomas debentures to pay 4 1 16%.....	12,148 50	
Gratuity to Mrs. J. J. Mason.....	2,000 00	38,085 60

Leaving a balance of.....\$6,008 01

Balance in Bank on the 31st day of May 1904.....	\$6,128 01	
Less cheques issued during the year, but not presented for payment.....	120 00	6,008 01

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. T. Malone, Grand
Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1903.	
June 1—Balance as per last Balance Sheet, 30th May, 1903.....	\$106,829 66
1904.	
May 31—Received from Grand Secretary, from interest on investments and on Bank balances and discount on purchase St. Thomas debentures during the year....	30,263 95

\$1,37,093 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

1903.		
June	23—Bell Telephone Co. account to 1st Dec. 1903	\$ 26 75
	10—Alex. Cowan, expenses, arrangement districts	7 00
	5—Grand Secretary, incidentals, J. J. Mason...	100 00
May	14—Grand Secretary, Wands and Sword Case...	25 50
June	5—Grand Secretary Salary to 30th June, 1903, paid to Mrs. Mason	500 00
	5—Grand Secretary's Assistant, J. P. Muir to 30th June, 1903.....	200 00
	5—Stenographer, J. Place to 30th June, 1903...	75 00
	5—Grand Treasurer Salary to 30th June, 1903..	50 00
	10—J. N. Shearer, expenses, arrangement of districts.....	20 00
	23—Grand Secretary, incidentals.....	100 00
July	16—G. S. May, expenses Board General Purposes	1,122 85
	20—J. B. Nixon, expenses Investigation of Bene- volence.....	200 00
	24—Grand Secretary, expenses of G. L. at Toronto	105 75
	“ balance incidentals.....	112 68
	“ advance for incidentals ..	500 00
	—J. C. White, repairs G. L. Regalia	18 55
	—Alex. Gibson, repairs to G. M. Collar and Jewel.....	9 00
	—Thos. Lees, repairs G. L. working tools....	13 75
	—Wm. Bruce, engrossing address and warrants	27 25
	—Robert Duncan, stationery	37 80
	—H. C. Turnbull, stationery.....	83 55
	—Howell Lithographing Co., cheque books...	64 00
	—Spectator Printing Co., printing account....	631 60
	—Copp, Clark Co., certificates.....	737 45
	—H. Robertson, Report on Correspondence..	100 00
	—R. L. Gunn, Auditor.....	300 00
	—Grand Master, balance expenses during the year 1903, including G. L. Session.....	397 08
	—Grand Secretary's Assistant, J. P. Muir, salary to 31st July.....	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place salary to 31st July...	25 00
	—Hunter, Rose & Co., printing reports.....	126 50
Sept.	2—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	200 00
	—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 31 Aug.	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 31 Aug....	25 00
	8—W. C. Brent accrued interest on St. Thomas Debentures, \$12,148 50.....	89 33
	15—Grand Secretary, salary to 30 Sept.....	500 00
	—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 30 Sept.	66 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 30 Sept....	25 00
	—Mrs. J. J. Mason, gratuity.....	2000 00
	17—R. L. Gunn, Chairman Board of Benevolence Postage.....	15 00
	29—T. W. Hand Firework Co., Tubes.....	13 00
	—Canadian Bank of Commerce, draft for the Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada, Brooklyn, New York to 31 Aug. 1903, Premium on 30485 members	152 00
Oct.	13—Macdonald, Shepley & Co., Opinion and Draft Bond.....	50 00

Oct.	19—Grand Master, on account expenses.....	300 00
	—J. B. Nixon, balance expenses benevolent investigation	92 75
Nov.	3—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 31 Oct.	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 31 Oct.	25 00
	6—N. W. Cleary, expenses W. C. Lloyd, investigation.....	8 00
	6—J. H. Burritt, expenses W. C. Lloyd, investigation.....	5 60
	10—J. H. Sothorn Prem. Grand Secretary Bond	12 56
	10—Jos. Doust, tin box and files for Grand Treas.	6 50
	14—Express charges Can. Bank of Commerce.	25
	24—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 30 Nov.	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 30 Nov.	25 00
	28—Mortimore & Blakeley, repairs G. M. Gauntlet	3 50
Dec.	4—W. M. St. George's Lodge 367, Toronto Refund by Corinthian Lodge, Rossland, B.C.	30 00
	12—Grand Treasurer Salary to 31 Dec.	100 00
	—Grand Secretary Salary to 31 Dec.	500 00
	—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 31 Dec.	66 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 31 Dec.	25 00
	16—Rent Grand Secretary office to 1 April, 1903	175 00
	—Bell Telephone Co. to 1 June, 1904.....	23 50
1904.		
Jan.	12—Grand Secretary for expenses of Com. on Constitution	65 70
	28—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 31 Jan.	66 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 31 Jan.	25 00
Feb.	10—Spectator Printing Co. on account printing	1000 00
	27—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 29 Feb.	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 29 Feb.	25 00
	—Grand Secretary for expenses, Constitution committee.....	35 10
March	7—Grand Master, on account expenses.....	200 00
	15—Grand Secretary, salary to 31 March, 1904..	500 00
	—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 31 Mar.	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 31 March..	25 00
	22—Grand Treasurer salary to 31 March.....	50 00
April	4—Rent Grand Secy's office to 1 April, 1904....	175 00
	5—Routh & Payne, Insurance Premium Policy covering Regalia, Furniture, &c.....	21 00
	15—J. C. White, repairing G. L. Regalia.....	6 25
	25—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 30 April	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 30 April....	25 00
May	28—Gr. Secretary's Assistant, salary to 31 May	67 00
	—Stenographer J. Place, salary to 31 May....	25 00
	—Benevolent orders as per list.....	12,905 00
	—Balance as per balance sheet.....	111,156 51
		\$137,093 61

The attached balance sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1904, and the sums invested with rates of interest.

All the Debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which collects the interest as it matures under instructions from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

**Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.**

BALANCE SHEET, May 31st. 1904.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value....at 4 per cent	\$3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value....at 6 per cent	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co..at 4 per cent	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada at 4 per cent	10,000 00
Can. Permanent Loan & Savings Co..at 4 per cent	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co.at 4 per cent	15,000 00
Canadian Savings & Loan Co.. . . .at 4 per cent	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.. . . .at 4 per cent	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co. . . .at 4 per cent	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debenturesat 4 per cent	8,000 00
*St. Thomas School Debenturesat 4 per cent	12,148 50
	\$105,148 50

Current Account—

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$6,128 01
Less cheques issued during year, but not presented for payment.. . . .	120 00
	6,008 01
	\$111,156 51

*The purchase of the St. Thomas Debentures for \$12,115.40, will pay Grand Lodge interest thereon at the rate of 4 1-16 per cent.

We hereby certify that the debentures named and set forth in the Balance Sheet are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping, and that the above-named balance, \$6,128.01, was at the credit of the Current Account of the Grand Lodge at the close of business on the 31st day of May, 1904.

For the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton,

W. B. PARSONS, Manager.
A. K. PEMBERTON, Accountant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Grand Lodge
of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of
Ontario :*

I herewith submit a statement of moneys received during the year ending 31st May, 1904, on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and which is now standing in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton Branch, to the credit of the "Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario, Special Benevolent Fund."

By cash received from the Grand Secretary between
February 16th, 1903, and 31st May, 1904, both
dates inclusive, including bank interest \$2,438 67

We hereby certify that the above-mentioned balance of \$2,438.67 was at the credit of the above account at the close of business on the 31st day of May, 1904.

For the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton,

W. B. PARSONS, Manager.

A. K. PEMBERTON, Accountant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

1903-1904.

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

February 1903.	July 1903
6 Widow J. E. \$10 00	24 Widow J. LeC. 10 00
6 " J. A. 10 00	24 " L. J. J. 10 00
July	24 " J. L. Y. 10 00
24 " J. V. 20 00	24 Bro. W. H. 50 00
24 " J. F. 10 00	24 Widow W. H. S. 10 00
June	24 " W. B. 20 00
5 Mrs. H. M. W. 37 50	24 " D. G. 15 00
5 Miss M. W. 75 00	24 " P. G. 20 00
July	24 " J. W. McD. 20 00
24 Widow S. R. 20 00	24 " J. E. 20 00
24 " W. J. W. 20 00	24 Daughter W. K. 10 00
24 " J. P. 20 00	24 Widow J. L. H. 15 00
24 Orphans M. N. 20 00	24 " J. B. 10 00
24 Sister J. McP. 80 00	24 Bro. J. S. 25 00
24 Widow T. S. W. 10 00	24 Widow W. M. H. 40 00
24 " A. McC. 20 00	24 Bro. W. L. M. 50 00
24 Sister T. H. B. 15 00	24 Widow H. H. 20 00
24 Widow J. K. 20 00	24 " S. M. D. 20 00
24 " W. McC. 15 00	24 " F. G. B. 20 00
24 " E. H. 20 00	24 " J. W. 10 00
24 " P. P. 15 00	24 " J. McK. 10 00
24 " J. F. H. 15 00	24 " W. M. 10 00
24 Bro. J. W. 10 00	24 " T. S. S. 10 00
24 " R. T. S. 25 00	24 " G. S. M. 20 00
24 " J. B. S. 25 00	24 " C. W. M. 20 00
24 " W. C. 50 00	24 Bro. R. H. G. 50 00
24 Widow R. W. 40 00	24 Widow W. B. 10 00
24 " J. M. 10 00	24 " H. C. 20 00
24 " F. E. 40 00	24 " C. D. M. 20 00
24 " J. S. 10 00	24 " G. H. N. 10 00
24 Daughter J. D. 25 00	24 Sister W. C. 25 00
24 Bro. W. H. 25 00	24 Widow J. V. 20 00
24 Widow J. W. 10 00	24 " W. M. 20 00
24 " J. W. 10 00	24 Mrs. R. F. B. 15 00
24 " W. J. A. 20 00	24 Widow F. C. 10 00
24 Bro. W. McC. 25 00	24 " J. T. G. 20 00
24 Widow W. T. 15 00	24 Bro. E. G. 50 00
24 " N. F. S. 15 00	24 Widow T. R. R. 15 00
24 " W. P. 20 00	24 Bro. L. Y. 20 00
24 " T. E. 10 00	24 Widow T. V. 20 00
24 " T. W. H. 10 00	24 " W. J. 20 00
24 " T. G. S. 10 00	24 Daughter W. W. 20 00
24 " T. McL. 10 00	24 Orphans S. M. P. 15 00
24 " G. C. 15 00	24 Widow J. M. 10 00
24 " A. J. 15 00	24 Bro. J. R. 25 00
24 " G. G. 15 00	24 " M. R. 50 80
24 Bro. J. C. W. 25 00	24 Widow J. M. 20 00
24 Mother C. E. M. 10 00	24 " G. F. P. 10 00
24 Widow J. W. 10 00	24 " F. M. B. 20 00

July	1903	July	1903
24	Widow R. P. 15 00	24	Widow P. R. D. 10 00
24	" W. H. K. 15 00	24	" C. M. 20 00
24	" J. M. 10 00	24	" S. A. 20 00
24	" R. G. B. 15 00	24	" J. A. McI. 15 00
24	" A. R. P. 20 00	24	" J. W. H. 15 00
24	" M. C. B. 20 00	24	Daughter T. L. 20 00
24	" J. H. 10 00	24	Bro. J. F. 50 00
24	" A. S. W. 15 00	24	" D. U. 25 00
24	Bro. J. W. C. 25 00	24	Orphans W. C. C. 20 00
24	Widow H. Y. C. 10 00	24	Bro. J. P. 50 00
24	" J. S. B. 10 00	24	" J. W. 50 00
24	" J. B. 20 00	24	Widow S. L. 20 00
24	" J. T. 10 00	24	Bro. J. C. 25 00
24	" W. B. W. 10 00	24	" R. C. W. 25 00
24	" E. C. 10 00	24	Widow W. E. J. 10 00
24	Bro. B. B. 50 00	24	" L. M. W. 20 00
24	Widow M. E. H. 10 00	24	Bro. A. B. 25 00
24	" T. H. S. 20 00	24	Orphans of J. R. S. 20 00
24	Bro. A. C. 25 00	24	Widow R. G. 10 00
24	Widow C. E. S. B. 10 00	24	" W. R. R. 40 00
24	Bro. A. K. 50 00	24	Bro. R. S. 50 00
24	Widow A. B. D. 20 00	24	" R. N. B. 25 00
24	" E. W. 10 00	24	Widow L. N. 20 00
24	Orphan J. J. 10 00	24	" H. D. F. 20 00
24	Widow E. K. 10 00	24	" J. G. 10 00
24	" D. L. C. 10 00	24	Bro. J. S. 50 00
24	" J. F. 15 00	24	Widow Wm. S. 20 00
24	" B. H. E. 20 00	24	" R. E. H. 15 00
24	Bro. F. M. 50 00	24	" R. H. W. 20 00
24	Widow F. S. A. 40 00	24	" J. Z. 10 00
24	" A. C. 20 00	24	" J. S. 20 00
24	" H. H. 40 00	24	" T. C. 20 00
24	" S. H. V. 15 00	24	" E. S. 20 00
24	" M. G. V. 10 00	24	Daughter J. A. 10 00
24	" J. Y. 10 00	24	Widow R. C. C. 15 00
24	Bro. J. W. 25 00	24	" R. C. 15 00
24	Widow A. McI. 10 00	24	Bro. T. R. W. 50 00
24	Bro. G. W. R. 50 00	24	Widow J. W. 20 00
24	Widow T. F. 15 00	24	Bro. N. K. 25 00
24	" A. K. 20 00	24	Widow J. W. 20 00
24	" G. G. 10 00	24	" J. M. 10 00
24	" G. C. 20 00	24	Bro. H. H. 25 00
24	" S. T. 20 00	24	Widow F. B. 10 00
24	Bro. J. P. 25 00	24	" W. H. S. 15 00
24	Mother of J. B. C. 40 00	24	Bro. J. D. 50 00
24	Widow D. S. 20 00	24	" H. H. 25 00
24	" J. C. 15 00	24	Widow A. E. B. 20 00
24	Bro. P. M. 50 00	24	" F. C. 20 00
24	Widow J. H. 15 00	24	" W. S. 15 00
24	" W. S. P. 40 00	24	" J. E. E. 10 00
24	" W. A. 10 00	24	" R. A. P. 15 00
24	" J. W. 25 00	24	Daughter C. R. 15 00
24	" A. M. 10 00	24	Bro. J. C. 25 00
24	" G. W. 10 00	24	Widow P. C. 20 00
24	" C. B. 20 00	24	" J. C. 20 00

July 1903			July 1903		
24	Bro. F. P. G.	50 00	24	Widow H. L. K.	20 00
24	" C. S.	25 00	24	" M. J. L.	10 00
24	Mrs. A. F.	20 00	24	" C. W.	10 00
24	Clifton Lodge, No. 254, for transient relief.	20 00	24	" A. M.	10 00
February			24	" W. F.	15 00
6	Widow T. E.	10 00	24	Bro. J. A. S.	25 00
6	" G. H. B.	15 00	24	Widow G. S.	20 00
6	" M. G. V.	10 00	24	Bro. W. D.	10 00
June			24	Widow C. A. A.	10 00
5	Miss M. H.	18 75	24	Bro. I. L.	37 50
5	Mrs. T. D. H.	37 50	24	" J. J.	20 00
July			24	Widow W. L.	10 00
24	Widow W. C. S.	20 00	24	" G. R. B.	20 00
24	" R. A. K.	10 00	24	" J. W.	20 00
September			December		
18	Bro. T. V.	40 00	12	Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
October			12	Miss H.	18 75
13	Bro. F. McL.	25 00	12	" M. W.	75 00
30	" W. B.	40 00	12	Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
30	Widow A. S.	40 00	12	Widow C. G.	40 00
July			December		
24	Mrs. R. F. (dup.)	10 00	19	Bro. J. S.	40 00
24	Widow T. B. P.	15 00	19	Widow B. A.	40 00
24	" A. M.	15 00	19	" W. R.	40 00
24	" J. A.	20 00	19	Bro. C. C.	40 00
24	Daughter S. S.	20 00	19	Daughter D. U.	25 00
24	Widow A. C. C.	15 00	September		
24	" D. S.	10 00	15	Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
24	" C. B. B.	15 00	15	Miss M. H. H.	18 75
September			17	Widow R. W.	40 00
15	Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00	November		
July			3	Bro. W. G.	40 00
24	Daughter J. J. C.	25 00	July		
24	Widow T. B.	10 00	24	Widow J. McK.	20 00
September			24	Bro. H. W.	25 00
15	Miss M. W.	75 00	24	Widow J. R. L. S.	15 00
July			24	" S. R.	15 00
24	Widow G. S. M.	15 00	24	" G. W. S.	15 00
24	" J. A.	10 00	24	" J. T. J.	20 00
24	Bro. P. D. O.	50 00	24	" J. H. B.	15 00
August			24	" J. O.	20 00
22	Widow F. D.	30 00	24	" A. G.	15 00
July			24	" F. D.	25 00
24	" R. H.	20 00	24	" C. W. W.	15 00
24	" D. S. L.	15 00	24	" W. E. S.	25 00
24	Bro. J. B.	50 00	24	" T. L.	10 00
24	Widow J. S. W.	15 00	24	" S. B.	15 00
24	Bro. H. O. H.	50 00	24	" H. H.	15 00
24	" G. H. H.	10 00	24	" A. W. C.	20 00
24	Widow G. M. B.	15 00	24	Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
24	" L. M. L.	15 00	24	" C. L.	15 00
24	" G. S.	15 00	24	" F. McL.	25 00
24	" W. J. S.	15 00	24	" W. McK.	50 00
24	" A. B.	20 00	24	" S. D.	50 00
			24	" B. C.	40 00

July	1903	January	1904	
24	Widow A. C.	20 00	21 Widow W. F. S.	15 00
24	Bro. A. F.	50 00	21 " T. W. H.	10 00
24	Widow J. P.	25 00	21 " T. G. S.	10 00
24	Bro. G. W.	25 00	21 " T. McC L.	10 00
24	" T. P.	25 00	21 " G. C.	15 00
24	" G. R. McL.	50 00	21 " A. J.	15 00
24	Widow W. B.	20 00	21 " G. B. G.	15 00
January	1904.		21 " W. J. S.	15 00
12	Bro. J. C.	40 00	21 Mother of C. E. M.	10 00
July	1903.		21 Bro J. C. W.	25 00
24	Widow A. J. H.	40 00	21 Widow J. W.	10 00
24	" E. A. F. C.	25 00	21 " J. LeC.	10 00
24	" J. H.	10 00	21 " L. G. J.	10 00
24	" A. C.	20 00	21 " J. L. Y.	10 00
January	1904.		21 Bro. W. H.	50 00
21	Widow J. V.	20 00	21 Widow T. B.	10 00
21	" G. S. M.	15 00	21 " W. H. S.	10 00
21	" C. W. S.	20 00	21 " W. B.	20 00
21	" J. F.	10 00	21 " D. G.	15 00
21	" S. R.	20 00	21 " P. G.	20 00
21	" W. J. W.	20 00	21 " J. E.	20 00
21	" W. J. P.	20 00	21 " J. L. H.	15 00
21	" G. R. B.	20 00	21 Bro. J. S.	25 00
21	" T. H. W.	10 00	21 " W. L. M.	50 00
21	" R. A. K.	10 00	21 Widow J. W. M.	20 00
21	" W. J. J.	20 00	21 Daughter W. K.	10 00
21	" G. S.	15 00	21 Widow W. F.	15 00
21	Orphans M. N.	20 00	21 " J. B.	10 00
21	Sister T. H. B.	15 00	21 " W. L.	10 00
21	Widow J. K.	20 00	21 " W. H.	40 00
21	" W. McC.	15 00	21 " H. H.	20 00
21	" E. H.	20 00	21 Wife of S. M. D.	20 00
21	" P. P.	15 00	21 Widow F. G. B.	20 00
21	" J. F. H.	15 00	21 " J. W.	10 00
21	" A. M.	15 00	21 " J. McK.	10 00
21	Bro. J. W.	10 00	21 " W. M.	10 00
21	" R. T. S.	25 00	21 " A. M.	10 00
21	" J. B. S.	25 00	21 " J. S. S.	10 00
21	" W. C.	50 00	21 " G. S. McF.	20 00
21	Widow S. J. W.	15 00	21 " C. W. M.	20 00
21	" J. H. H.	10 00	21 Bro. R. H. G.	50 00
21	" J. M.	10 00	21 Widow W. B.	10 00
21	" J. S.	10 00	21 " H. C.	20 00
21	Daughter of J. D.	25 00	21 " C. D. M.	20 00
21	Bro. W. H.	25 00	21 " G. H. N.	10 00
21	Widow J. W.	10 00	21 Sister of W. C.	25 00
21	" W. P.	20 00	21 Widow W. M.	20 00
21	" J. W.	10 00	21 Bro. H. A. H.	50 00
21	Bro W. J. A.	20 00	21 Widow F. C.	10 00
21	" W. McC.	25 00	21 " J. V.	20 00
21	Widow H. L. K.	20 00	21 Bro. E. G.	50 00
21	" W. T.	15 00	21 Mrs. N. F. B.	15 00
21	" T. E.	10 00	21 Widow L. Y.	20 00
21	" J. H.	10 00	January	
21	" A. F.	20 00	21 Widow G. S.	20 00

January	1904	January	1904		
21	Widow W. J.	20 00	21	Orphan J. J.	10 00
21	Orphans S. M. P. . . .	15 00	21	Widow J. F.	15 00
21	Bro. J. R.	25 00	21	Bro. F. M.	50 00
21	Widow G. T. P.	10 00	21	Widow D. L. C.	10 00
21	" R. P.	15 00	21	" B. H. E.	20 00
21	" J. M.	10 00	21	" T. S. A.	40 00
21	" A. R. P.	20 00	21	" A. C.	20 00
21	" J. T. G.	20 00	21	" S. H. V.	15 00
21	" A. S. W.	15 00	21	" H. H.	40 00
21	" T. R.	15 00	21	" M. G. V.	10 00
21	" J. McK.	20 00	21	Bro. J. W.	25 00
21	Bro. W. H. W.	25 00	21	" G. W. R.	50 00
21	Widow J. R. L. S. . . .	15 00	21	Widow G. M. B.	15 00
21	" S. R.	15 00	21	" A. K.	20 00
21	" G. W. S.	15 00	21	" J. Y.	10 00
21	" J. T. J.	20 00	21	" A. McI.	10 00
21	" G. H. B.	15 00	21	" T. F.	15 00
21	" J. O.	20 00	21	" A. C. C.	15 00
21	" F. D.	25 00	21	" G. G.	10 00
21	" A. G.	15 00	21	" G. C.	20 00
21	" C. W. W.	15 00	21	" S. T.	20 00
21	" W. E. S.	25 00	21	" M. J. L.	10 00
21	" T. V.	20 00	21	Bro. J. P.	25 00
21	" T. B. L.	10 00	21	Mother J. B. C.	40 00
21	" S. B.	15 00	21	Widow D. S.	20 00
21	Daughter W. W.	20 00	21	" R. F.	10 00
21	Bro. M. R.	50 00	21	" J. C.	15 00
21	Widow H. J. W.	10 00	21	Daughter S. S.	20 00
21	" H. H.	15 00	21	Widow J. H.	15 00
21	" J. M.	20 00	21	" W. S. P.	40 00
21	" F. M. B.	20 00	21	" W. A.	10 00
21	" W. H. K.	15 00	21	" J. W.	25 00
21	" R. G. B.	15 00	21	" A. M.	10 00
21	" A. C.	20 00	21	" G. W.	10 00
21	Bro. W. D.	10 00	21	" D. S.	10 00
21	Widow J. A.	10 00	21	" C. B. B.	15 00
21	Daughter of J. C. . . .	25 00	21	" P. R. D.	10 00
21	Widow M. C. B.	20 00	21	" C. B.	20 00
21	" H. Y. C.	10 00	21	" S. A.	20 00
21	" J. H.	10 00	21	" C. M.	20 00
21	Bro. P. D. O.	50 00	21	" J. W. H.	15 00
21	Widow J. B.	20 00	21	" J. A. M.	15 00
21	Bro. J. W. C.	25 00	21	Daughter of T. L. . . .	20 00
21	Widow W. B. W.	10 00	21	Bro. J. F.	50 00
21	" J. S. B.	10 00	21	Widow J. R.	25 00
21	" J. T.	10 00	21	Orphans of W. C. C. . .	20 00
21	" T. H. S.	20 00	21	Bro. J. P.	50 00
21	" C. E. S. B.	10 00	21	" J. W.	50 00
21	" M. F. H.	10 00	21	" J. C.	25 00
21	Bro. A. C.	25 00	21	Widow S. L.	20 00
21	Widow A. B. DeP. . . .	20 00	21	" W. E. J.	10 00
21	Bro. A. K.	50 00	21	" L. W. W.	20 00
21	Widow E. W.	10 00	21	Bro. R. C. W.	25 00
21	" C. A. A.	10 00	21	" A. B.	25 00
21	" E. K.	10 00	21	Widow J. A.	20 00

January 1904			January 1904		
21	Orphans J. A. S.....	20 00	21	Widow W. S.....	15 00
21	Widow R. G.....	10 00	21	" J. C. E.....	10 00
21	Bro. R. S.....	50 00	21	" R. A. P.....	15 00
21	Widow N. R. R.....	40 00	21	Daughter C. R.....	15 00
21	" L. N.....	20 00	21	Bro. J. C.....	25 00
21	Bro. R. W. B.....	25 00	21	" S. C. D.....	50 00
21	Widow H. D. F.....	20 00	21	Widow B. C.....	40 00
21	" J. S.....	50 00	21	" P. C.....	20 00
21	" R. E. H.....	15 00	21	" L. M. L.....	15 00
21	" J. G.....	10 00	21	" J. C.....	20 00
21	" J. Z.....	10 00	21	" A. C.....	20 00
21	" W. S.....	20 00	21	" J. P.....	25 00
21	" T. B. P.....	15 00	21	Bro. F. P. G.....	50 00
21	" D. S. L.....	15 00	21	" G. R. McL.....	50 00
21	" R. H. W.....	20 00	21	" C. S.....	25 00
21	" J. S.....	20 00	21	" G. W.....	25 00
21	" E. S.....	20 00	21	" T. P.....	25 00
21	" R. C. C.....	15 00	21	" J. L.....	37 50
21	" T. C.....	20 00	21	Widow W. B.....	20 00
21	" C. W.....	10 00	21	" J. W.....	20 00
21	" J. W.....	20 00	February		
21	" J. W.....	20 00	15	Bro. W. W.....	40 00
21	" R. C.....	15 00	15	Orphans J. L.....	30 00
21	" R. H.....	20 00	July 1903.		
21	" W. H. S.....	15 00	24	Widow H. R.....	20 00
21	Bro. J. F. S.....	25 00	March 1904.		
21	" C. L.....	15 00	22	Mrs. W. M. W.....	75 00
21	" T. R. W.....	50 00	22	Miss M. W.....	75 00
21	Widow H. R.....	20 00	22	" M. M. H.....	18 75
21	" A. B.....	20 00	28	Mrs. T. D. H.....	75 00
21	Bro. N. K.....	25 00	28	Widow F. S. B.....	40 00
21	" F. McL.....	25 00	July 1903.		
21	Widow J. M.....	10 00	24	Widow J. R.....	25 00
21	" F. B.....	10 00	24	" W. B. S.....	25 00
21	" H. L.....	10 00	April 1904.		
21	" W. B. S.....	25 00	9	Bro. W. H.....	40 00
21	Bro. J. B.....	50 00	15	" J. R.....	40 00
21	" J. D.....	50 00	July 1903.		
21	" H. H.....	25 00	24	Mrs. H. L.....	10 00
21	" A. F. C.....	25 00			
21	Widow A. E. B.....	20 00			
21	" F. C.....	20 00			
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It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Erie District No. 1, during the past year. In so doing, I likewise extend my thanks to the brethren of the District for their expression of confidence in me by electing me to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master. When elected at Grand Lodge I told the brethren I would do the best I could, and I have done so. After appointing Geo. E. Smeaton, of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, as District Secretary, and Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor Lodge, No. 403, as District Chaplain, both of whom accepted and helped me in my work.

Masonry in Erie District No. 1 is in a flourishing condition, and I consider it is second to none in the Province. The brethren are all aiming at a higher standard if it is possible to accomplish, and their work and the Masonic spirit shown is beyond criticism.

I have had the pleasure of the Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. Harding's and M. Wor. Bro. Hugh Murray's presence on two occasions, once at Leamington on the evening of April 26th, at the dedication of that Lodge's new hall, and at the Semi-Centennial anniversary of Great Western Lodge, Windsor, on the evening of April 27th, and I must say the brethren of the District were well pleased to meet some of the Grand Lodge officers.

One of the first duties I was called upon to perform was the constitution, consecration and dedication of a

new lodge, Century, No. 457, at Merlin, of which you will find a fuller statement in my report on that Lodge.

In this district we have initiated 158, passed 137, and raised 135 members.

The following is a summary of my report:

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: December 1st, 1903. Visited Thistle Lodge, accompanied by about 50 brethren from Windsor. Found that Wor. Master Bro. Haines was away and P. M. Hughson in the chair. This Lodge has been making extensive improvements in their rooms, therefore were hardly settled and in working order. They elected their officers and afterwards exemplified second degree. I pointed out some errors in the work and talked to them about being perfect and devoting more time in getting things in good order. I think their new officers are going to be efficient, and I hope will bring the Lodge up to the standard. After Lodge closed they served light lunch of coffee and sandwiches. Being near home I promised to run down and guide their new officers in the straight and narrow path after they are installed.

St. George Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: Visited St. George Lodge, No. 41, Thursday, February 25th. Was delayed in getting there, but as they had 3 candidates for the first degree was in time to see W. Bro. Voaden and his officers confer 2 first degrees. As I expected this work to be done well, I was not disappointed to find St. George officers second to none in my District. I lay this fact to the watchfulness of R. W. Bro. Dr. Allworth, who is always present to guard the landmarks. W. Bro. Voaden has a fine delivery, and every one of his officers have an earnestness about his work in Lodge that is admirable, military steps and actions which impress the candidate and brethren. It is one of the best Lodges in my District; 30 brethren present, 5 Past Masters. I always like to see the Past Masters present.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: Monday, March 7th, 1904, visited Wellington Lodge, No. 46, and was pleased to find about 40 members present and 10 visitors. Regular business and 3 applications. After the regular business they exemplified the first degree. To say it was good would be putting it mild; I consider it perfect. Bright set of officers and an earnestness and confidence in themselves that enables them to go right at their work, and it is a pleasure for visitors and their own members to

witness degree work in the Lodge. W. Bro. Massey is a model worker; Bro. Gregory a model Secretary; in fact, every officer perfect. R. W. Bro. Von Gunten present, also our old friend, P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. McWatt, an active worker, and is looked upon by the Lodge as a guide in all things. In this Lodge, as in others, I have found where they are under the guidance of a P. D. D. G. M. they do not go astray. Fourth degree perfect in having as fine a body of men as you would find anywhere. Wellington Lodge, No. 46, is A1.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: December 28th, 1903, visited Great Western Lodge, and by request installed officers; about 200 present. After installation ceremonies a banquet was served, at which presentations were made to the following brethren: A Past Master's Jewel to I. P. M. David Liddle, Grand Senior Warden's Apron to Bro. Buchanan, gold watch to R. W. Bro. Geo. E. White, Secretary of the Lodge. Suitable replies were made. Must say that it was an enjoyable evening spent with my mother lodge. Think Master and Wardens elected will make good progress.

April 27th, 1904, was present at Semi-Centennial anniversary, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, also M. W. Bro. Frank T. Lodge, P. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Michigan, and W. Bro. Philip T. VanZile, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan. I can assure the brethren of the District that it was a pleasure to be present and witness the truly Masonic spirit that existed between the brethren under the Union Jack and the brethren who hold their Lodge meetings under the protection of the Star Spangled Banner of the United States of America. Great Western Lodge, No. 47, is all right.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Tuesday, March 8th, 1904, visited Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245. About 25 brethren present and 10 visitors. This is the mother lodge of our energetic P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Ed. Worth. Work fairly well done. Should have been done better, but weather has been so cold officers have not practised as they should have done. Meetings have been few and far between. They now have some work ahead, and promised to meet every week and become familiar with the work. I find Dr. Stewart, the new Secretary, first-class; as he is a P. M., is thoroughly posted in the

work. At my visit P. D. D. G. M. presented Tecumseh Lodge with two pictures, nicely framed, with photographs of all Grand Masters of Grand Lodge of Canada up to date, which the Lodge thanked him for. Nice room, nice brethren, everything now will be all right. Witnessed first degree conferred by W. Bro. Fraser. W. Bro. Sherman opened and closed Lodge in the three degrees. A little more practice will make Tecumseh Lodge all right. Banquet again.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: January 14th, 1904, witnessed second degree exemplified by W. Bro. French. Nice Lodge room; good attendance; feel at home the minute you enter Lodge room. I find Sydenham Lodge still guided by R. W. Bro. Carscallen, P. D. D. G. M. Had six Past Masters present. Work on Master's part not of the best, but will improve with work now on hand. Prospects good. Good set of officers. P. M. Laird a hard and good worker. Attendance 27. Banquet. Good Secretary and able to fill other offices.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited this Lodge Wednesday, January 13th, 1904. Witnessed first degree. Work was not very well performed, although it was followed strictly to the letter. No innovations, but officers and W. Master, I consider, want more practice and become more familiar with work and more confidence in themselves. I was pleased to meet our old friend, R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb, and still find him active in Lodge matters. Attendance 40. Past Masters present, W. Bro. David Moore, W. Bro. Robt. Park, W. Bro. J. McGuggan, W. Bro. Robt. Riddle, W. Bro. Geo. Massey, W. Bro. G. B. Crunet. Gave brethren, as I thought, good advice.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: Visited Kent Lodge on the evening of Monday, February 29th, 1904. Only about 20 members present owing to storm. Witnessed first degree worked by W. Bro. Sedge. Work fair. Good officers, but need practice. Six Past Masters present, also R. W. Bro. Jamieson. Books well kept. Banquet and good speeches. This Lodge cannot go far astray under the able guidance of R. W. Bro. Jamieson. They also opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: November 10th, 1903, visited this Lodge, it being my first official visit. I might say that I made this my first official visit to have

the pleasure of presenting our P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. W. J. French, with a P. D. D. G. M. regalia, presented to him by Erie District No. 1, for his valuable services during his term of office. It was a great pleasure for me to meet him and find him secretary of Lorne Lodge, No. 282. I consider him the right man in the right place. About 40 members were present. I witnessed the exemplification of the second degree by W. Bro. Benson, which was done as I expected it would be, in an able manner. Complimented officers on their good work, which no doubt is due to a large extent to the efforts of R. W. Bro. French. After work we sat down to a fine repast, at which speeches on the good of Masonry were indulged in. My first visit was a pleasant one to me.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington. December 20th, 1903, visited Leamington Lodge and installed the officers for ensuing year. The Leamington brethren should feel proud of their new Lodge rooms, finest in the District, everything in first-class order. Under the leadership of R. W. Bro. Hillier Leamington brethren cannot go astray. Was surprised at newly installed Master and officers conferring a first degree in first-class shape, which shows that they have taken hold already with vigor. Leamington Lodge has a good future before her. Lots of applications and lots of good and young material to select from. After meeting a banquet was served in their new rooms. I was pleased to see W. Bro. Dr. Anderson affiliate with Leamington Lodge that same evening. He will be a very valuable addition to their already good officers. Attendance about 40. Books well kept; first-class Secretary.

Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Should have visited Pnyx Lodge February 1st, regular, but got snow-bound and did not reach Wallaceburg until after midnight, one day and a half on railroad. Saw officers of Lodge next morning, and as all the officers lived in the town except S. W., they called the officers together and we had a practice together the next afternoon. Opened and closed in the three degrees, and illustrated the first degree together under my superintendence, and I think that little meeting with the W. M. and officers was far more beneficial than if in the presence of the members, because if anything was wrong we could and did stop right there and correct it. I find the books of E. E. Parker, Secretary, second to none, and I might say it is

the only Lodge in my District where there are no members in arrears, only four members, and Bro. Parker told me he could get them four members' dues in five minutes if he wished. Was pleased to see W. Bro. Quennell confer the degree, and his father, 65 years, Steward of same, Lodge. Register book shows good attendance at all meetings.

The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: Wednesday, February 24th, 1904, visited The Hammond Lodge, Wardsville, Ont. I have always wished to visit this Lodge, as I have kind remembrances of one of its old P. M.'s and D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Dr. McKillop, who was loved by all. Found nice Lodge room. Good set of officers. W. Bro. Elliott, P. M., conferred the third degree in a creditable manner. This Lodge was not backward in asking questions about work, which I think should be done by all Lodges on any point they do not understand, as I take it that it is a D. D. G. M.'s duty. All Lodges can do the degrees, but any point they do not understand should be set right by the D.D.G.M. Twenty brethren present, books well kept, but on account of such cold weather meetings have been few this winter. Quite a few applications in readiness to act upon. Nice set of homelike officers. W. Bro. Henderson has work well up also.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: Visited Highgate Lodge December 22nd, 1903. Opened at 8 p. m. Thirty brethren present. A Mason feels at home the moment he enters Lodge room, such nice comfortable quarters and brethren so pleasant. Witnessed third degree by P. M. W. Bro. Moody, assisted by P. M. W. Bro. Feecill. Work not as well done as it should be, although the officers have the ability to do first-class work, but they seem to rely on their past records and were careless. I warned them to practice together more and perfect themselves. I could plainly see the effect it has on a Lodge by the Master-elect living out of town. Masters should not be elected who cannot give it their time and depend on Past Masters to do their work.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: Visited McColl Lodge, No. 386, Tuesday, March 1st, 1904. Witnessed first degree by W. M. McKillop. Twenty-five present. Work fairly well done; they also need more practice. I find here, as well as elsewhere, that they will not get together and practice, unless they have a candidate in sight, and sometimes candidates come slow. I never met more

friendly brothers in any Lodge. Had the pleasure of meeting the founder of McColl Lodge, Hugh McColl, and find, on examining the register, that he is a regular attendant and at the age of 75 he is a Senior Steward. Among the brethren present were 10 Past Masters. W. Bro. Becker, the Secretary, is a model Secretary, and has a tendency to keep the brethren alive in Masonic work. Nice Lodge room, which they own; they also opened and closed in the three degrees.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: Got notice that March 10th they would receive me on my official visit, and that it would be agreeable to them, and after driving 10 miles from Bothwell, arriving there at 7 o'clock. Went to hall at 7.30 o'clock; found the Secretary, the Senior Warden and two other brothers, and after waiting until 9.30 no one else appeared. So we had no meeting. Could not understand it. Drove back to Bothwell, and next day wrote to the Wor. Master asking him for an explanation.

May 10th: Have finally got together again and running O. K. They installed officers and sent names to me. Florence Lodge is the only Lodge that needs the immediate attention of my successor.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: Visited Howard Lodge December 21, 1903. Found nice Lodge room, books well kept, 20 in attendance. Register shows about 20 average attendance. Witnessed third degree exemplified by W. Bro. Wilson, assisted by P. F. Locke. Master's work A1. Deacons' and other officers work not very well done, except Senior Warden. Gave wholesome advice to get together oftener and practice among themselves. I was very sorry to hear that Howard Lodge was about to lose their Secretary, Bro. Ellsworth, who is going to the Northwest, as I consider him one of the best Secretaries in my district. Howard Lodge is all right, but lacks some good Past Master's assistance to keep them together. P. M. Robert Porterfield present and assisted in the work.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Combre: December 4, 1903, visited Parvaim Lodge, and found all the officers present. They also conferred second degree; found, as I expected, that the work was well done. Two or three small errors, which were easily corrected. They all seemed to be in accord with Semi-Centennial Fund. Complimented them on their Lodge room and work. Banquet was served; 28 present. Books well kept. W. Bro. Ainslie

conferred degree, assisted by P. M. Brown. June 24, 1904. I visited Parvaim Lodge and installed their officers and again met all of the brethren; also P. M. Moody, of Highgate, and P. M. McKillop, of West Lorne. P. M. W. Bro. Brown is the hand that guides this Lodge. He is able and always willing to take any office that happens to be vacant and is always present.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: December 2, 1903, visited Central Lodge. All officers present. Witnessed second degree, W. Bro. Sherrin, assisted by P. M. Brien. The work was well done. I consider it A1. One of the banner Lodges of the District. All the officers took their parts well and performed their work with promptness. After work, banquet. Thirty-two members present. Books well kept. This Lodge can not go astray with such guiding spirits as W. Bro. Richardson, W. Bro. D. Brien and W. Bro. Stinner always at the wheel. In all my visits I have kindly asked all P. M.'s never to let up on their watchfulness of everything.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: January 8, 1904, officially visited Windsor Lodge and installed the officers. Large crowd present, about 175, including visitors. As this Lodge is at home I am in a position to know that they do good work. Twelve Past Masters present. After installation served a banquet. Good speeches were made by a number of visiting and other brethren, among the distinguished ones being M. W. Bro. Frank T. Lodge, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Michigan. April 22 visited Lodge and had the pleasure of witnessing W. Bro. Nairn work his first third degree, also P. Master Wilkinson, who exemplified the third degree in perfect form. I am glad to see the P. M.'s of Windsor Lodge taking such an active interest. Being personally acquainted with every officer, I know they are capable of doing good work, and every officer of this Lodge has the interest of Windsor Lodge at heart, and every one of them does his work well.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Visited Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Wednesday, March 2, 1904. Candidate got his first degree in fairly good style by W. Bro. Kilpatrick, assisted by W. Bro. Dorland. Master and officers need practice in this Lodge, as in the last two visited. Five Past Masters present, also some visitors from West Lorne. Senior and Junior Wardens' work well done. Dr. Patterson is their new Secretary. Opened and closed in the three degrees almost perfect. Banquet.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: February 23, 1904, visited Naphtali Lodge. Found nice gathering, 30 brethren present, also 7 brethren from Century Lodge, Merlin, Ont. also W. Bro. Robertson. This Lodge owes a great deal to P. M. Palmer for its success and good standing, as he is always with them in every way. Balloted for 2 candidates and initiated one of them. After work I could not criticize, as there was no room for criticism. Bro. Hutton is a model Secretary; books and accounts well kept. Some questions asked and answered. Officers are well up in their work. I was well pleased with this Lodge, friendly feelings for each other. They seem to study each other's interests. Nice Lodge room, nice furniture. W. Master is a good and able worker.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: Wednesday, March 9, 1904, visited Star of the East Lodge at Bothwell. Witnessed the opening and closing in the three degrees and the exemplification of the second degree work perfect under the guidance of P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Hickey. After work was done remarks were called for on character of work. I could not say anything but to compliment them on the perfect way work was performed. There is no need of any D. D. G. M. going to Bothwell while R. W. Bro. Hickey is there, only to meet the brethren and get acquainted with as fine a lot of brethren as there is any place. I consider Star of the East a model Lodge. I wish we had more like them. In work, brotherly love both outside of Lodge as well as inside. Banquet after Lodge. Same spirit and feeling exhibited there. Five Past Masters present; all good officers.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley: Visited Xenophon Lodge, Wheatley, January 1, 1904. Witnessed first and second degree conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Wilson. Work could not be improved on at all, it was carefully and beautifully worked, members all taking an interest to help the W. Master do good work. I consider Dr. Wilson, of this Lodge, one of the best workers in the District, and he is always ably assisted by P. M. W. Bro. Reynolds. These W. Masters are a good team, always ready and willing. After degree work, banquet. Attendance 30. Books well kept. Good officers.

Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin: November 10, 1903, I had great pleasure (acting on instructions received from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master) in proceeding to Merlin to constitute, consecrate, install officers and

dedicate Lodge room of Century Lodge, No. 457. I was ably assisted by the following brethren, W. Bro. Reynolds and W. Bro. Wilson, of Xenophon Lodge, Wheatley, and W. Bro. Quennell, of Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, also Dr. Oliver, Bro. F. S. Archer, Bro. W. W. Marshall. The above ceremonies were performed in the afternoon of November 10th, 1903, from 2.30 p. m. until 6 p. m. Eighteen members of the Lodge were present. In the evening W. Bro. Robertson and the officers of the Lodge exemplified the first degree, and I must say, for a new Lodge, which is the infant Lodge of Erie District, the work was simply grand. In the evening there were about 20 visitors present. A light lunch was served, at which short addresses were made congratulating the new Lodge on its good work, attendance, and prosperous start.

I regret having to report the following deaths in the District during my term of office:

Nov. 16, 1903, Bro. J. H. Terry, of Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham; Nov. 11, 1903, Bro. Prosser, of Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown; Dec. 6, 1903, Bro. Thos. Mills, of Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley; Dec. 26, 1903, Bro. F. P. Boutellier, of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor; Jan. 17, 1904, Bro. Chas. E. Bayley, of Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell; May 6, 1904, Bro. R. M. Rodgers, of Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham; May 14, 1904, Bro. Benj. Brooks, of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor; May 29, 1904, Bro. Cornelius Roe, of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg; May 27, 1904, Bro. Phillip Woolem, of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg; Nov. 26, 1903, Bro. Philip H. Martin, of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington; Dec. 3, 1903, Bro. Thos. Mills, of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington; Oct. 31, 1903, Bro. George Weir, of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham, Ont.; Nov. 11, 1903, George W. Atkinson, of Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe, Ont.; March 10, 1904, Bro. Murray F. Gardiner, of Naptali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury; May 22, 1904, Bro. Henry Sales, of Naptali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury, Ont.; Dec. 24, 1903, Bro. Alexander McTavish, of Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate; April 16, 1904, Bro. Hiram Wilson, of Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence, Ont.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE E. WHITE, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No 1, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's Conf'd			Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.						
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.										Restorations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.	
																							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.
34	Whistle	Amherstburg	64	7	...	5	5	3	1	1	...	...	...	12	6	18	15	N Given	Yes \$600 00		
41	St. George	Kingsville	99	8	3	5	5	3	2	1	...	...	...	3	10	4	22	36	Dec. 27, '03	Fair 1800 00	
46	Wellington	Chatham	161	1	...	7	8	7	1	1	5	2	...	1	12	10	22	51	Dec. 27, '03	Fair 1400 00				
47	Gt. West'n	Windsor	247	22	9	21	22	16	2	2	1	6	...	2	12	31	43	35	Apr. 12, '04	Good 360 00				
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	58	4	2	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	14	13	27	Jan'y 1, '04	Good 300 00
255	Sydenham	Dresden	65	6	3	4	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	15	15	...	Dec. 27, '03	Good 400 00
267	Parthenon	Chatham	94	12	13	11	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	13	11	24	54	Dec. 27, '03	Good 500 00
274	Kent	Blenheim	66	4	1	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	4	25	101	June 24, '03	Good 400 00
282	Lorne	Glencoe	55	6	3	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	2	16	5	Jan. 4, '04	Good 300 00
240	Leamington	Leamington	107	13	21	23	14	2	3	3	9	...	...	2	15	13	30	83	Dec. 27, '03	Good No 875 00		
312	Pyx	Wallaceburg	87	1	3	9	7	2	1	2	7	...	...	2	11	16	27	39	Dec. 27, '03	Good 400 00		
327	TheHammond	Wardsville	24	4	...	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	10	2	16	10	...	Dec. 27, '03	Fair No 500 00
336	Highgate	Highgate	63	1	5	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	3	16	19	...	July 13, '04	Good 300 00
386	McColl	West. Lorne	62	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	12	5	July 13, '04	Good 300 00
390	Florence	Florence	27	3	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	15	...	Dec. 27, '03	Good 500 00
391	Howard	Ridgeway	71	7	4	7	7	6	1	2	...	...	...	13	4	17	17	10	May 11, '04	Good 120 00	
395	Parvian	Comber	46	2	3	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	13	8	Jan. 27, '03	Fair 250 00
402	Central	Essex	57	2	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	Mar. 10, '04	Good 300 00
403	Windsor	Windsor	171	10	...	14	13	12	2	4	...	...	...	12	29	41	25	...	Dec. 27, '03	F. Good No 500 00	
411	Rodney	Rodney	30	11	...	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	10	4	14	11	...	Dec. 27, '03	Good 250 00
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	76	10	...	10	10	10	...	4	1	...	...	2	12	4	16	10	Dec. 27, '03	Good 200 00		
422	Star of the East	Rothwell	44	1	2	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	12	4	16	3	Dec. 27, '03	Fair Yes 500 00		
446	Xenophon	Wheatley	33	7	1	7	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	7	20	11	Dec. 27, '03	Fair Yes 210 00
457	Century	Merlin	21	6	...	6	10	9	...	1	...	...	...	12	9	21	13	...	Dec. 27, '03	Good Yes 200 00	
																			New Lodge	Never				
																			First Ret'n	Better				

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It affords me much pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2 for the past year. I shall endeavor, in making out this report, to bear in mind M. W. Bro. Murray's oft-repeated request for brevity. To this end I shall neglect to mention all events of a social nature, such as entertainments, banquets, etc., for, however pleasing and enjoyable these functions have been to me I am conscious of the fact that to others they are uninteresting and have no direct bearing on the subject of this report. I do not wish, however, for the sake of brevity, to appear ungrateful to the various Lodges throughout the District for the great and many kindnesses shown me, nor do I wish to underestimate the importance to Masonry of the social element of the institution, for after all Masonry is largely a social organization. Everywhere I have gone I have been most kindly received and hospitably entertained, and I desire at the outset to thank my brethren for their great kindness to me.

Regarding the state of Masonry in St. Clair District, I am glad to report that as a whole it is in a very satisfactory condition. In nearly all the Lodges I have been impressed with the uniformity of work done, which I think bears ample testimony to the good and faithful work done by the D. D. G. M.'s who have preceded me in office, as well as the good judgment of the brethren of the various Lodges in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers. The work, with few exceptions, has been correctly and impressively performed. Enthusiasm for the Order and the true Masonic spirit are everywhere to be found. I am pleased to be able to state that the utmost harmony exists among the several Lodges, and that prosperity, progress and peace are the watchwords all along the line.

Immediately after my election I appointed W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. W. F. Cluff, also of Strathroy, District Chaplain.

During the year dispensations were granted to the following Lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons. St. John's, No. 81, Mount Brydges; Victoria, No. 56, Sarnia; Washington, No. 260, Petrolia; Tuscan, No. 437, Sarnia; Dufferin, No. 364, Melbourne. I also granted a dispensation to Alvinston, No. 323, Alvinston, to hold Masonic funeral.

The following deaths were reported to me during the year: W. Bro. W. F. Wrighton, Secretary Tuscan No. 437, Sarnia; Bro. Wm. Phibbs and Bro. Geo. Shaw, both of Bismarck, No. 419, Point Edward; Bro. Oliver Simons, charter member Washington, No. 260, Petrolia.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

Early in the year I addressed a letter to each Lodge in the District setting forth briefly the origin and object of this fund, with an explanation of the manner by which it was proposed to raise the amount, and strongly urging the brethren to take immediate action in the matter and adopt such means as they thought would be most effective in raising their share of the amount. I am glad to be able to state that a goodly number of Lodges followed my suggestion by placing resolutions approving of the fund and appointing committees to solicit subscriptions for same. I am also glad to report that these committees in a number of cases have met with unusual success. When making my official visits to those Lodges which had taken no action I placed the matter before the brethren in a personal way, and endeavored to impress them with the importance of bestirring themselves to entitle them to participate in the benefits of the fund. The result was that with few exceptions the Lodges appointed committees to wait on the brethren and give each member an opportunity to subscribe. I am sorry to state that a few of the Lodges have not yet, so far as I have learned, taken the matter up, but I am convinced that these will fall into line in due time and that St. Clair District will be well to the front in subscriptions to this most worthy charity.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Through the courtesy of Washington and Petrolia Lodges I was able to hold a District Lodge of Instruc-

tion under their joint auspices in Masonic Temple, Petrolia, on the afternoon and evening of March 25. The presence of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Allen, added very materially to the profit and pleasure of the occasion. There were also a number of prominent members of the Craft present, including many Past D. D. G. M's. The weather conditions were very unfavorable, but in spite of this fact there was a large attendance. This was also the occasion of my official visit to Washington and Petrolia Lodges, and I am pleased to be able to report that both Lodges are in a prosperous condition and are working correctly and harmoniously.

The first degree was conferred in the afternoon by W. Bro. Kelly and officers of Petrolia Lodge, No. 194. Owing to the fact that my train was nearly three hours late I was unfortunately prevented from witnessing this degree. However, R. W. Bro. Allen, who was present, reported to me that it was creditably performed. On my arrival I was received by the brethren with Grand Honors. The second degree was then conferred by W. Bro. McGibbon and officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, in a manner so nearly perfect that there was little room for criticism. After a few instructive and congratulatory remarks from R. W. Bro. Allen and others, the Lodge was called off until the evening. When labor was resumed at 8 o'clock R. W. Bro. Allen was received with Grand Honors and was presented with a beautifully worded address of welcome by W. Bro. Cooper, on behalf of Washington and Petrolia Lodges, to which R. W. Bro. Allen responded in his usual happy style.

R. W. Bro. Saunders and R. W. Bro. Dr. Harvey, on behalf of St. Clair District, then presented my immediate predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Martyn, M. D., with a P. D. D. G. M. regalia. He well merited the honor conferred on him by the brethren of the District, and in a few chosen words expressed his thanks and appreciation of their kindness.

The third degree was then conferred by W. Bro. Cooper and officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260, in an almost faultless manner, after which considerable useful and instructive discussion took place. Appreciative remarks were made in praise of the way in which the officers of Washington Lodge exemplified the work by R. W. Bro. Allen and a number of P. D. D. G. M's.

A pleasant part of the evening session was the presen-

tation to W. Bro. S. McWhorter of a Past Master's Apron and Jewel. The presentation was made on behalf of Washington Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Allen, in his unusually pleasing manner. W. Bro. McWhorter made a very appropriate reply, thanking the brethren of Washington Lodge for their kind recognition of his services.

My especial thanks are due W. Bro. McWhorter and others of Washington and Petrolia Lodges for the great effort and energy they put forth in assisting me to perfect the arrangements for this Lodge of Instruction and making it a great success.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Victoria, No. 56, Sarnia: Finding it impossible to visit this Lodge officially on the date appointed, May 3, 1904, I delegated R. W. Bro. Saunders as my representative, who attended the meeting, and reports the Lodge in a flourishing condition and well officered by brethren who take a deep interest in their work. The initiation of a candidate was accurately and impressively rendered by W. Bro. Wanless and his staff of efficient officers. Special mention must be made of the very excellent deliverance of the lecture by the J. W., Bro. Dr. Henderson. The meetings of Victoria Lodge are well attended, and the efficient Secretary, Bro. Watson, looks well after the dues. I might also add that I had the pleasure of witnessing the officers of this Lodge confer the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction held in Petrolia March 25, which was done very correctly.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges: On the evening of March 1st I visited this Lodge officially, accompanied by W. Bro. Richardson and W. Bro. Hore, of Beaver Lodge, and Bro. Brown, of Huron Lodge. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. F. Hixon, who was ably assisted by a good set of officers. The W. M. is a young Mason, and in consideration of the fact that this was the first occasion on which he conferred the third degree I think that the work was creditably done. With a little more practice I feel sure that St. John's Lodge will have a very competent set of officers. The candidate was not particularly well posted, and I suggested a more thorough and systematic way of instructing the candidates, and urged the brethren to teach all candidates their obligations in the various degrees. In

W. Bro. West St. John's Lodge has an ideal Secretary, who performs all his duties in a thorough and energetic manner. I am pleased to report that this Lodge is taking active steps towards raising its share of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and that through the untiring efforts of W. Bro. West, who is making a personal canvas of the brethren, it is meeting with unusual success. St. John's Lodge is in a very prosperous financial position. They own the building in which their Lodge room is situated, and receive annually a liberal rental for that portion which they do not occupy. Until recently the Lodge was free from debt, but it has just completed the erection of a substantial addition to the building, which is not yet all paid for. This addition provides for the Lodge a beautiful banquet room at the rear of Lodge room. On the evening of my visit St. John's Lodge was made the recipient of two beautiful white lambskin aprons from a very generous but unknown Past Master. The Lodge has many Past Masters who are regular in attendance at the Lodge meetings and appear to take a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: I visited this Lodge on January 8, when a candidate was initiated by the W. M., W. Bro. Hore. This was the first meeting at which the new set of officers occupied the chairs, but notwithstanding the fact the work was well done. Beaver Lodge has plenty of work ahead, and is in a sound financial position, so that the prospects for the present year are good. The W. M., W. Bro. Hore, is an enthusiastic Mason, an indefatigable worker, and one who has the best interests of the Lodge at heart. The Secretary, W. Bro. Richardson, by virtue of his ability, has held office for a great number of years. He keeps the books in a perfect manner and looks well after the dues. Beaver Lodge is taking an active interest in the Semi-Centennial Fund, and a large number of the brethren have contributed.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: I visited this Lodge on April 25th and witnessed the exemplification of the first degree. This was done very satisfactorily by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Grant. W. Bro. Grant is a young enthusiastic Mason, and has the rather rare gift of rendering the work in a clear and impressive manner. The junior officers also performed their several duties correctly. A pleasing feature of this meeting was the large number of Past Masters present. This Lodge

seems to be in a prosperous condition, and I have every reason to believe that the true Masonic spirit is propagated in a large measure in Cassia Lodge.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: I visited this Lodge officially on the evening of February 25th, when the first degree was conferred in a very able manner by the W. M., W. Bro. McIntosh, assisted by W. Bro. Benet. This was the first time the W. M. conferred a degree, but from the way in which he performed the work one might easily mistake him for a veteran Master. The officers throughout showed evidence of the careful training they had received from R. W. Bro. Dr. Coghlan and R. W. Bro. Dr. Harvey. I was particularly pleased with the very apparent determination on the part of the junior officers of the Lodge to perfect themselves in the various details of their work. This Lodge is in a sound financial position. The brethren own the building in which the Lodge room is situated. There is a small mortgage on the building, but I am informed that it is being steadily reduced. On the evening of my official visit the sum of one hundred dollars was applied on the principal of the mortgage. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. M. Wilson, is an enthusiastic Mason and is a thoroughly painstaking and efficient officer. The brethren of Burns Lodge have warm hearts and treated me with great kindness while I was with them.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: I visited this Lodge on March 3rd and witnessed the third degree conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. S. G. Jackson, in a manner which was a credit to himself and reflected honor on the Lodge. He was ably assisted by a good set of officers, the work of the Inner Guard and Senior Deacon being especially commendable. There was no regular candidate for this degree, but one of the brethren kindly consented to act. The third degree was then conferred on a regular candidate by W. Bro. A. P. Chalmers. W. Bro. W. S. Duggan is an ideal Secretary and looks well after the dues. R. W. Bro. Parks, P. D. D. G. M., was present and added very materially to the profit and pleasure of the meeting by offering some very timely remarks. The meeting was not large owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: Accompanied by Bro. Harrison, of Beaver Lodge, I visited this Lodge officially on December 1st, when the third degree was ex-

emplified by W. Bro. Race and officers in a very able manner. W. Bro. Race was assisted by R. W. Bro. Saunders, V. W. Bro. Fitzgerald and W. Bro. Kenword. The officers showed by their accuracy in the work that they had taken considerable pains to perfect themselves in their respective duties. This the W. M.'s, W. Bro. Race's, second term in the Master's chair, and this probably partly accounts for his marked ability in performing his work. The excellent floor work of the Deacons is worthy of especial mention. Havelock Lodge has plenty of work ahead, and this, together with the enthusiasm displayed by the brethren, convinced me that a bright and prosperous future was in store for this Lodge. In W. Bro. Watt they have an efficient Secretary.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited this Lodge officially on May 25th and witnessed the initiation of a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. Stewart. This was done in a satisfactory manner. The officers seemed to be all well posted. The J. W., Bro. Jas. Brand, is deserving of especial mention for the accurate and impressive rendition of the lecture on the tracing board. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when a newly raised brother passed a most satisfactory examination on the third degree, answering all the questions and repeating the obligation very accurately. I am pleased to report that Forest Lodge requires all candidates to learn the obligation in each of the three degrees. This Lodge prides itself on the number of Past Masters who take an active interest in the Lodge and are regular in attendance at Lodge meetings. This probably accounts for the good work of the officers. Bro. Campbell is an efficient and painstaking Secretary. This Lodge has not yet taken any action with regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but at my earnest request the W. M. promised to appoint a committee at the next regular meeting to solicit subscriptions for this worthy charity.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: April 28th was the date of my official visit to this Lodge. The attendance at the meeting was small. There being no regular work, the Lodge was merely opened and closed in the three degrees. The manner in which this was done showed great lack of practice. This may be partly accounted for by the fact that a number of the regular officers were absent and substitutes filled their places. The W. M., W. Bro. Stockdale, occupied the chair, and per-

formed well his part of the work. The books of the Secretary, W. Bro. Stewart, are well kept, neat and legible, and a credit to himself and his Lodge. The dues are exceptionally well paid up, a fact which may be accounted for by the energy and efficiency of the Secretary. At my request the W. M. appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the Semi-Centennial Fund. It is my opinion that the prosperity of this Lodge is somewhat marred by the too frequent use of the blackball. The brethren are contemplating revising their by-laws, and I recommended in doing so that they increase the number of adverse ballots required to reject a candidate from one to two.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: Accompanied by W. Bro. Richardson I visited this Lodge on May 26th, when the third degree was exemplified. The W. M., W. Bro. Brand, through illness, was unable to be present, but his place was ably filled by W. Bro. Thoman, who conferred the degree in a correct and exceptionally impressive manner. The Arkona brethren are enthusiastic Masons and good workers. The attendance at this meeting was good in spite of very unfavorable weather. The Secretary, Bro. Nelson, is a model of neatness, and reports the dues well paid up. At my request W. Bro. Thoman appointed a good committee to solicit subscriptions to Semi-Centennial Fund.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: My last official visit in the District was made to this Lodge on June 22nd. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Richardson, Robertson and Donaldson, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83. W. Bro. McDiarmid occupied the chair, and in a faultless manner conferred the first degree, R. W. Bro. Dr. Martyn assisting, after which V. W. Bro. Germain, assisted by W. Bro. McDiarmid and R. W. Bro. Martyn, M. D., initiated two candidates. I do not feel that I can too highly praise the officers of this Lodge for their excellent work. For promptness and careful attention to minute detail I have never seen them excelled. The W. M., W. Bro. McDiarmid, has a good delivery and performs the work in an exceptionally deliberate and impressive manner. The unusual efficiency of the junior officers is due in a large measure to the excellent training of W. Bro. McDiarmid, who has been ably assisted in his work by a number of enthusiastic Past Masters. Alvinston Lodge meets in a beautiful Lodge room, and altogether seems

to be in a most prosperous condition. W. Bro. Code is a careful and painstaking Secretary.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: My first official visit in the District was made to this Lodge in October, 1903. I was accompanied by a number of brethren from Beaver Lodge, No. 83, including R. W. Bro. Dr. Whitehead, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Richardson, District Secretary. W. Bro. Toohill occupied the chair and initiated a candidate in a very creditable manner. In consideration of the fact that this Lodge has been meeting only a short time after several years of inactivity, the work was very well done indeed, and judging from the enthusiasm which seems to prevail among the brethren and from the number of new members coming into the Lodge I feel that I am safe in predicting a revival of Masonry in this neighborhood. Ionic Lodge at one time was very prosperous, but owing to the removal of a large number of its prominent members, and the death of others, the Lodge was very much weakened and finally ceased to meet altogether. This period of inactivity lasted several years, in spite of many efforts on the part of different D. D. G. M's and some of the most enthusiastic of the members of the Lodge to revive it. Last year my immediate predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Martyn, M.D., by persistent effort, succeeded in enlisting the co-operation of a sufficient number of members to open the Lodge. Outstanding dues were then collected and the Grand Lodge account settled, and since that time the Lodge has continued to meet regularly, and the outlook for the future continued to improve until now I believe it is in a fair way to regain its lost condition of prosperity. On the evening of my official visit there was a good attendance of members, also a large number of visiting brethren. R. W. Bro. Dr. Martyn and R. W. Bro. Dr. Whitehead, both P. D. D. G. M's, were present and conferred the third degree on two regular candidates in a faultless manner.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: Accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. Richardson, I inspected this Lodge on April 27th. There being no work, I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Campbell, to open and close the Lodge in the three degrees. This was done in a satisfactory manner, the work of the Junior Warden being especially commendable. The attendance at this meeting was very small. W. Bro. Corneil acted as Secretary in the absence of the regular officer. The dues, I regret

to report, are considerably behind, and I recommend suspension in a number of cases. This Lodge has not been and is not in a very prosperous condition, but the W. M. and some of the brethren take a keen interest in the affairs of the Lodge, so that I think in the near future the prospects will improve. Up to the time of my official visit Dufferin Lodge had not taken any action with regard to Semi-Centennial Fund. At my suggestion, however, the W. M. appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I visited this Lodge on the evening of April 6th. The meeting was small owing to very unfavourable weather and bad roads. It being an emergent meeting also probably partly accounts for small attendance. The candidate for second degree was not present, so the W. M., W. Bro. Mann, merely opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees. This was done in such a satisfactory manner that I feel sure that any work the W. M. may be called upon to perform will be well and properly done. The junior officers evidently knew their work, but showed some hesitation and lack of practice. W. Bro. Trusler is a good Secretary and attends to his duties in a very thorough way.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: I visited this Lodge officially on February 24th and was very cordially received by the W. M. and brethren. A candidate was raised to the third degree by W. Bro. Fawcett in a faultless manner. At the request of the W. M. I assisted in conferring the degree. The officers, without exception, were well trained and attended to their duties correctly. The finances of the Lodge are very ably looked after by the Secretary, W. Bro. Leacock, who reports that the dues are fairly paid up. This Lodge does not meet in its own Lodge room, but is, nevertheless, in a very prosperous condition.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward: Accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. Richardson, I visited this Lodge on February 8th. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. D. J. McDougal in an able manner, after which two second degrees were conferred by W. Bro. J. B. Livingston, I. P. M., and W. Bro. O. S. Clark. I was very much struck by the youthful appearance of the officers of this Lodge, and also for the enthusiasm for Masonry which they displayed. The manner in which they perform their several duties shows considerable practice and training, in which R. W. Bro.

George, P. D. D. G. M., aids materially. The J. W.'s lecture was especially well rendered. At this meeting there was a large turnout, there being present a considerable number of visiting brethren from Victoria and Tuscan Lodges, of Sarnia. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. George, attends well to his duties, and reports that the dues are fairly well paid up. Altogether this Lodge seems to be in a more prosperous condition than it has for some years past. At this meeting W. Bro. J. B. Livingston, I. P. M., was presented with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel in token of appreciation of services rendered to the Lodge.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: My official visit of inspection was paid to this Lodge on June 21st. There was a large attendance of members and some visitors. W. Bro. Thompson occupied the chair and initiated a candidate in a correct manner. The junior officers knew their work fairly well, but there was some evidence of lack of practice and training. The Secretary, W. Bro. Smith, keeps the books in a very thorough and business-like way. St. Clair Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, which is evidenced by the fact that the brethren have just completed the erection of a handsome new brick block. This building is not yet altogether paid for, but the rental received for that portion of the building not used for Masonic purposes is more than sufficient to pay the interest on the mortgage. The enthusiasm of the brethren for their Lodge is well displayed in the action of a large number paying their dues several years in advance in order to make possible the erection of their building. On the evening of my official visit a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: I visited this Lodge on the evening of April 20th. I was accompanied by Bro. Pope, S. W. of Beaver Lodge. There was a very large attendance of both members and visiting brethren. Among others present were R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt, R. W. Bro. Saunders and R. W. Bro. George. W. Bro. Wm. J. Barrie occupied the chair, and with the assistance of an able set of officers conferred the first degree in a manner so nearly perfect that there was little room for criticism. The officers throughout showed very careful training. The J. W.'s lecture was impressively delivered by Bro. Cameron. W. Bro. Wenino, I. P. M., gave the

charge in Book of Constitution correctly. Before the Lodge was closed R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt gave an eloquent address. It is with deep regret that I have to record the serious loss sustained by the brethren of Tuscan Lodge in the death of their Secretary, W. Bro. Wrighton. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and took a great interest in all that affected the welfare of the Craft. His office of Secretary is now ably filled by W. Bro. Wenino.

In conclusion I desire to express to the brethren my appreciation of the confidence they placed in me when entrusting me with the important duties of the office of D. D. G. M. These duties have necessarily entailed some labor and loss of time, but the associations enjoyed and the friendships established have been ample compensation for any inconvenience which has been incurred. I have enjoyed beyond measure the many pleasant hours spent with the brethren in the different Lodges, and I bespeak for my successor the same uniform kindness which has invariably been extended to me in making my official visits.

Fraternally submitted.

R. A. WILLMOTT, D.D.G.M.,
St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.			Degree's conf'd.			Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deaths.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.				Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
56	Victoria....	Sarnia.....	178 22	16	13 16	8	4	1	2	1	1	12	9 21	41	\$56 45	9	71	25	Dec. 27, '03	Al	Good	Yes	Yes
81	St. John's....	Mt. Brydges....	58 10	7	6 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12 20	30	10 00	9	30	00	July 4, '03	Good	Good	Yes	\$200 00
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	104 12	11	7 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3 16	30	10 00	7	100	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
116	Cassia.....	Theodford.....	37 1	1	1 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	16 12	18	35 00	12	53	00	Not given	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	83 3	5	5 6	1	1	1	3	1	1	14	2 16	18	35 00	10	70	00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
158	Alexandra....	Oil Springs....	61 1	1	1 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11 13	18	10 00	17	71	63	Jan. 4, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	76 4	3	4 6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 12	12 18	18	15 00	18	62	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	No	241 57
238	Havelock....	Watford.....	69 14	12	10 7	2	1	1	1	1	1	14	4 18	15	15 00	13	45	00	July, 1903	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
260	Washin'tn	Petrolia.....	86 9	7	7 9	2	1	1	1	1	1	3 12	5 17	20	10 00	9	8	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	69 5	7	5 3	1	1	1	2	5	1	12	1 13	30	10 00	9	30	00	June, 1903	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	34 1	1	1 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 1	9 16	10	6	31	00	Dec. 27, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	80 00
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	37 3	2	2 1	1	1	1	2	1	1	14	1 15	19	5 00	11	74	51	Dec. 1903	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
323	Alvinston....	Alvinston....	60 6	7	2 1	9	1	1	1	1	1	9	3 12	10	18	18	90	00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
328	Ion c.....	Napier.....	23 8	8	7 7	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1 15	16	10	6	50	00	June, 1903	Fair	Fair	Yes	None
364	Dufferin.....	Nelbourne....	26 1	5	1 1	1	1	1	2	3	1	13	1 14	15	20 00	12	75	00	Jan., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
392	Huron.....	Cambridge....	53 1	1	1 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1 11	13	20 00	35	303	14	Jan., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	87 11	2	1 3	7	1	1	1	1	1	2 12	2 14	15	20 00	16	100	00	June, 1904	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes
419	Bismarck....	Point Edward.	67 11	3	11 7	7	1	1	1	1	1	13	3 16	23	125 00	9	56	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00
425	St. Clair....	Sombra.....	64 4	5	5 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	3 11	4 15	35	125 00	00	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	101	8	4 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 15	35	125 00	00	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I submit for your consideration the following on the condition of Masonry in the London District, No. 3, during the past year.

Before doing so I wish to thank the brethren of London District for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me one year ago to the honorable and responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the many kindnesses I have received at their hands during the year just closed, a year, generally speaking, in which harmony and prosperity have abounded in the District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. J. L. Guest, of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale, District Secretary, to whom I am indebted for faithfulness to the several duties devolving upon him.

I have had the pleasure of visiting each Lodge in the District once officially. There are 26 Lodges in this District, who have initiated 179 candidates, affiliated 30 and restored 10 members during the year, which, after deducting 35 deaths, 41 resignations and 34 suspensions, shows an increase of 109, and a total membership of 2,426.

I have granted dispensations during the year to Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston; St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas; Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal; Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton; Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station; St. David's Lodge, No. 320, St. Thomas; Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont, permitting the use of Masonic clothing while attending divine service, and the proper fees were collected and sent to the Grand Secretary in each case. I thank R. W. Bros. Essery, Guest, Dubber, Slater, J. S. Dewar, A. G. McWhinney, G. F. Morris, A. E. Cooper, O. Ellwood, J. Thornicroft P. W. D. Broderick, and W. Bros. E. W. M. Flock, T. G. Davis, W. C. Fitzgerald, H. C. Simpson, A.

Ellis, and W. Bros. Evans, Southcott, Stephens, Lawson, Stillson, Galpin, Armstrong, Hungerford, Wooley, Fraser, Tancock, Ferguson, O'Neil and others for their kind assistance during my official visits to the Lodges in the District.

Visited St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas, October 1st, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. G. T. Kennedy and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees and exemplified the third degree in a very correct and impressive manner. The officers all work splendidly together. The books of this Lodge are well kept by R. W. Bro. L. Slater, P. D. D. G. M. The Lodge rooms are first-class, and the Lodge exercises a good influence in the District.

Visited Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton, October 23rd, 1903. At the Grand Master's request I dedicated their new hall to Masonry, ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Essery, Guest, Dubber, W. Bros. Else, Spencer, Leitch, Couse and several other visiting brethren. This was also my official visit to this Lodge. There being no degree work on, the W. M., W. Bro. D. A. Cameron, and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees in a very correct manner. This Lodge is now settled in very comfortable rooms, and is in a prosperous condition. The books of this Lodge are kept very correctly by W. Bro. Paton.

Visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London, November 3rd, 1903. Owing to the Secretary not receiving the notice of my official visit, I took them by surprise. On account of illness the Master was unable to be present. W. Bro. Malone, I. P. M., took the chair and exemplified the first degree on three candidates in a very correct and impressive manner, being ably assisted by the officers, who pride themselves on doing their work correctly. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and the books are neatly and correctly kept by the Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson, who is very efficient.

Visited Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton, November 30th, 1903. There being no degree work on I requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which was done very well. W. Bro. Bowie makes an excellent Master, and is ably assisted by his officers. The books are very neatly kept by the Secretary, Bro. T. H. Martin.

Visited Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville, Decem-

ber 2nd, 1903. There being no degree work on I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Kidder, to open and close the Lodge in the three degrees, which was done very correctly. The W. M. and officers of this Lodge pride themselves in doing their work in a first-class manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. York, keeps the books of the Lodge very neat and businesslike.

Visited St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London, December 3rd, 1903. As this was the night of their election of officers, there was no degree work, but the W. M., W. Bro. B. J. Dawson, and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees very correctly. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. V. W. Bro. Ellis makes a very efficient Secretary.

Visited Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station, December 4th, 1903. The W. M., W. Bro. Widfield, assisted by W. Bro. Else, of Warren Lodge, Fingal, conferred the third degree in a very correct and impressive manner, and also opened and closed the Lodge in all the degrees correctly. The officers of this Lodge work well together. The books are well looked after by the Secretary.

Visited King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, London, December 10th, 1903. This being the night of election of officers, there was no degree work. The W. M., W. Bro. J. P. Clement, and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees to my entire satisfaction. The greatest harmony prevails among the members of this Lodge. The books of the Lodge are well looked after by the Secretary, Bro. Nicholl, who is very efficient, and the Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

Visited St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth, January 27th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. A. Jones, and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate very correctly. One pleasing feature of this Lodge was to meet R. W. Bro. Burch, P. D. D. G. M., who informed me that he had been fifty-two years a Mason, being the oldest Mason in my District, and who still takes an active part in the affairs of the Lodge. The members own their Lodge room, and their prospects are very bright. The books are very neatly kept by the Secretary, Bro. E. Taylor.

Visited Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont, January 29th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. D. A. McPherson, and officers conferred the third degree in a very correct and impressive manner. The officers of this Lodge pride

themselves in doing their work in a first-class manner, and harmony prevails. The books are kept in first-class style by Bro. James MacMillan, who is very efficient. Prospects of Lodge are good.

Visited Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London, February 18th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. Thos. Wooley, and officers conferred the first degree on two candidates in a first-class manner. The W. M. and officers work well together. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation to V. W. Bro. E. W. M. Flock of his Grand Lodge Regalia by W. Bro. A. A. Campbell, on behalf of the members of the Lodge. Bro. Flock made a suitable reply thanking his brethren for their kindness. The books are well kept by V. W. Bro. John Overell, who is one of the oldest Masons holding this office in my District. Prospects fine.

Visited Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston, February 24th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. C. Patterson, and officers conferred the third degree in a very correct and impressive manner. This Lodge has improved very rapidly, and now stands well up in the work with the rest of the Lodges in my District. One particular point worthy of notice in this Lodge is its having W. Bro. E. Roberts, P. M., and his four sons members, who are at the present time holding offices as follows: Treasurer, S. Warden, J. Warden, S. Deacon and Inner Guard. The books are well kept by W. Bro. A. Grant, who is very efficient, and prospects of the Lodge are very bright.

Visited Doric Lodge, No. 298, Lobo, February 25th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. J. A. Ferguson, assisted by his officers and W. Bro. D. Graham, conferred the first degree on a candidate in a correct and impressive manner. This Lodge has been doing no work for some time, but the prospects now are very bright and harmony prevails among the members. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. P. L. Graham, M. D.

Visited St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, March 8th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. Walter Mitchell, and officers conferred the first and second degrees very correctly. The brethren of this Lodge are to be complimented on their nice hall. The books are neatly and very correctly kept by W. Bro. Taylor, who is very efficient. Prospects good.

Visited Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale, March 1st, 1904. As there was no degree work on the

W. M., W. Bro. F. F. Logan, and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees correctly. Financially this Lodge stands high, own their own hall, stables, and tennis lawn, and has a bank account of \$200 or over. Books are neatly and correctly kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. M. N. Wright, who makes a very efficient Secretary.

Visited Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, March 9th, 1904. The W. M. and his officers conferred the third degree in a very correct and impressive manner. The officers of this Lodge pride themselves in doing their work in a first-class manner. The books are well and neatly kept by W. Bro. C. T. Burdick, who makes an ideal Secretary. Harmony prevails. Prospects good.

Visited Union Lodge, No. 380, London, March 14th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. F. Lawson, and officers conferred the first degree on two candidates in a very correct manner. On behalf of the members of the Lodge R. W. Bro. Essery presented W. Bro. Davidson, I. P. M., with a P. M's Jewel. Books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. J. Ward, who is very efficient.

Visited Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal, March 29th, 1904. There being no degree work on, the W. M., W. Bro. L. J. Else, and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees correct. On behalf of the members of this Lodge I had the honor of presenting W. Bro. Ball, who has been the Treasurer of this Lodge for a number of years, with a P. M's Apron, who made a neat reply. The books of this Lodge are kept in a very neat and correct manner by the Secretary, Bro. Dan Cameron, who is very efficient.

Visited The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London, April 4th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. W. Hungerford, and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a very correct and impressive manner, which reflects great credit on the officers. V. W. Bro. W. C. Fitzgerald and W. Bro. Galpin presented R. W. Bro. Essery with a P. D. D. G. M's regalia on behalf of the members of the District, who thanked the brethren very kindly. The books are a model, being kept neat and correctly by W. Bro. H. E. Maingault, who is very efficient.

Visited St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas; April 21st, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. John C. Spencer, and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a very correct and impressive manner. I was accompanied to this Lodge by fifty of the London brethren, who went

over by special train, who received a very fraternal welcome from the St. Thomas brethren. The officers of this Lodge pride themselves in doing their work in a first-class manner. The books of this Lodge are properly kept by the Secretary, Bro. F. S. Lewis, who prides himself in keeping them A1.

Visited Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown, April 26th, 1904. There being no work on, the W. M., W. Bro. D. Fraser, and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees very correct. The books of this Lodge are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. J. James, who makes a very efficient Secretary.

Visited Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station, April 28th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. Wade, and officers conferred the first degree on two candidates in a very correct and impressive manner. By invitation from the Lodge W. Bro. Fraser and officers of Nilestown Lodge conferred the second degree on two candidates in a manner which reflects great credit on the officers of Nilestown. The books of this Lodge are well looked after by the Secretary, Bro. MacDonald. The greatest of harmony prevails among the members, and prospects are very bright.

Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, May 6th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. W. C. Southcott, and officers conferred the second degree very nicely. The officers of this Lodge work well together and pride themselves in doing their work in first-class style. The books of this Lodge are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. T. A. Rowat, who is very efficient. Harmony prevails and prospects good.

Visited King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford, May 25th, 1904. The W. M., W. Bro. Day, assisted by W. Bro. Smith and officers, conferred the third degree in a very correct and impressive manner. The books of this Lodge are neatly kept by the Secretary, Bro. Lloyd, who makes a very efficient Secretary. Harmony prevails among the brethren, and prospects are very bright.

Visited Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware, May 27th, 1904. There being no work on, the W. M. and officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees in a very correct manner. The books of this Lodge are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Harker, who is very efficient. Harmony prevails and prospects very good.

Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London, May 31st,

1904. The W. M., W. Bro. Evans, and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a very able and impressive manner. The officers work well together and pride themselves in doing their work in a very impressive manner. This Lodge financially is good, having about \$6,000.00 of a bank account. Greatest of harmony prevails among the brethren, and prospects good. The books of this Lodge are very neatly kept by the Secretary, V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson.

The death of R. W. Bro. A. M. Munson, of London, P. D. D. G. M. of this District, which occurred on the 2nd of March, 1904, removed from this sublunary sphere one of the most active and energetic craftsmen of Western Ontario. For many years he was a regular attendant at Grand Lodge communications, and was favorably known to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. In 1890 he was D. D. G. M. of London District, and performed the duties so energetically that he was solicited to stand for a second term. He, however, declined the nomination. He was a Past Master of Blair Lodge, Palmers-ton, and St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London. His funeral was very numerously attended, and testified to the high respect entertained for him by the brethren of London and vicinity.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUEST, D.D.G.M.,
London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in London District No. 3, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem. Degree's		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	M. M.		F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A. A.	F. C.	M. M
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SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to present my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District No. 4, for the year ending June 24th, 1904. Shortly after my appointment I prepared and sent to each of the Lodges in the District a circular asking support for the Semi-Centennial Fund. A number of the Lodges responded, as will be shown in the report of the Grand Secretary. I would have been much pleased if all had done as well. At the request of Elma Lodge I arranged for a meeting of Grand Lodge on the 16th of October and had the honor of representing the Grand Master in constituting and consecrating that Lodge. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Campbell and Cassels, V. W. Bro. Brooke, W. Bros. Tye, Mayberry, Hinds, Schaffer, Money, Coppin, Anderson, Thompson, Stewart and Burnaby. There was a good attendance from the neighboring Lodges, and the brethren of Elma Lodge had made every preparation for the ceremony and had a banqueting room especially fitted up for the entertainment of the visitors. The banquet was a success in every respect. Elma Lodge starts out with bright prospects and in a comfortably furnished room.

I granted two dispensations: September 20th, 1903, Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, to attend divine service; June 26th, 1904, Irving Lodge, No. 154, to attend divine service.

I forwarded to the Grand Master the By-laws of Doric Lodge, No. 233, and of Elma Lodge, No. 456, for his approbation. The By-laws of New Dominion, No. 205; Stratford, No. 332, and Tecumseh, No. 144, were amended during the year.

Under the auspices of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, I held a Lodge of Instruction on April 4th, which was well attended. Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, exemplified the first degree; Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth,

the second degree, and Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford, the third. Questions were asked and answered as the work proceeded, and I am confident that much good will result. I was pleased with the ready compliance of each Lodge requested to take part in the work and the evident desire of the brethren to master the various points brought out, and I complimented those engaged on the very efficient manner in which they had performed their duties.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. John Hepler, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Bro. T. R. Smith, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Bro. James Teary, St. James Lodge, No. 73.

I have visited every Lodge in the District once, some of them twice, and I find that Masonry is flourishing all through the District. Nearly every Lodge is increasing its membership, the officers are enthusiastic and well up in their work, and degrees are conferred correctly and impressively. Some slight exceptions are noted in speaking of the several Lodges.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

February 9th, 1904, visited Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, and found a large attendance. The brethren had gone to a great deal of trouble in decorating the reading and banqueting rooms, and had succeeded admirably. Eight candidates were ballotted for, but the majority of them were rejected. In my remarks I tried to impress on the brethren that although it was their bounden duty to guard the door and prevent any unsuitable material from entering the Lodge, it was also un-Masonic to allow private differences of any kind to sway them while casting their ballots. W. Bro. Clark and his officers conferred the 1st degree in a manner that left little to be desired. Each officer was familiar with his duty, and I was so well pleased with the ceremony that I invited this Lodge to exemplify the degree at the Lodge of Instruction in Seaforth. R. W. Bros. Beck and Radcliffe are regular in their attendance, while W. Bros. Tye and Porter are always ready to do their part. I consider W. Bro. Tye one of the most enthusiastic Masons in the District. W. Bro. Ball is an excellent Secretary, and the books are neatly kept. The prospects of the Lodge are good, but there are too many members in arrears. I suggested the appointment of a committee, whose duty it

should be to remedy this state of affairs. The banquet was very enjoyable.

March 7th visited Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth. There was a fair attendance of members. W. Bro. Barton and his officers conferred the second degree in a manner worthy the reputation of this famous Lodge. The S. W. is a very zealous officer. R. W. Bro. Reid was too unwell to be present, but accompanied me to Hensall at a later date. There does not seem to be as much enthusiasm among many of the members of this Lodge as there was some years ago, but there are many good men and active Masons among them, and I hope to hear of returning zeal among those whose love has grown cold. My thanks are due to the officers of this Lodge for their assistance in making the Lodge of Instruction a success, and for their entertainment of the visiting brethren. W. Bro. Jackson is an efficient Secretary, and does not spare himself when work is to be done. R. W. Bro. Hodgins is always ready for any duty in connection with the Lodge. The room is commodious and well furnished, the prospects of the Lodge are good, and the amount of arrears very small.

March 31st visited Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan. There was a good attendance, and W. Bro. Orme and his staff of officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. The W. M. has his work well prepared, but speaks somewhat rapidly. Some of his officers were not quite as well prepared, and as the room is unsuitable the Deacons were handicapped in the floor work. I strongly advised the brethren to secure another Lodge room, and I have been informed that steps have been taken to do so, and judging from the energy of many of the members of the Lodge I have little doubt but that Irving Lodge will soon have a Lodge room worthy of the Lodge. The friction formerly existing between factions has almost disappeared, and I look forward to a bright future for this Lodge. I was requested to present two P. M's jewels, one to the I. P. M., W. Bro. Hodgins, who certainly merited such a recognition, and the other to W. Bro. Murdy, who has been a pillar of the Lodge for many years. It is the intention of the Lodge to honor each of the former P. M's in this way, one each year. The S. W. is a reading Mason, and will prove a good executive officer. W. Bro. Fox can take a leading place either in Lodge or at the head of the banquet board. As the Sec-

retary has moved away, Rev. Bro. Ayearst has been performing the duties of Secretary, and he fills the place well. The arrearages are too high, however.

April 1st visited Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton. There was a large attendance, and the first degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Holloway and his efficient staff of officers. All did their parts well, and I had very little to criticise. R. W. Bro. Shaw and W. Bros. Hoover, Fair and McLean should be a sufficient inspiration in the East to keep any staff of officers up to the mark, as they are regular attendants and are anxious to have every point and word as accurate as possible. This Lodge should have its Lodge room better fitted up, and a committee has been appointed to attend to this. Bro. Porter is an excellent Secretary, and his books are well kept. The finances are flourishing. I visited this Lodge again on June 24th, as I had been invited to install the new officers, and with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Beck and W. Bro. Clark, of Maitland Lodge, the newly elected officers were duly installed. I feel confident that W. Bro. Spalding will prove an excellent W. M., and with the able staff of officers under him he should make his year of office a record one in the progress of Clinton Lodge.

April 5th visited New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg, and found a fair attendance. As there was no candidate, the officers attempted to exemplify the first degree, but the result was not satisfactory. The W. M. has removed from New Hamburg, and there had been no rehearsals, and the natural result followed. The W. M. had travelled 60 miles to be present. Some of the brethren were eager to improve the work they had done. I urged frequent rehearsals until the difficulties were mastered, and I have reliable information that the degree has been very well conferred since that time, and that an energetic staff of officers has been installed. With such P. M's as W. Bros. Holley and Stickles to guide, there should be little difficulty in securing much better work in this Lodge. The brethren have provided a refreshment room during the year, and I hope to read in the report of the next D. D. G. M. that they can exemplify the work in the Lodge as well as they know how to exemplify the fourth degree. W. Bro. Holley is a good Secretary, and the arrears are small.

April 7th visited Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill, and saw the third degree conferred by W. Bro. Griffith. The

attendance was large, and there were many P. M's in the East. I was well pleased with the manner in which the work was done. All the officers are familiar with their duties and do their work well. The J. W. made one mistake, but otherwise I had very little to criticize. The W. M. examined a candidate who had been raised to the third degree, and I never heard the questions better answered. There were more P. M's in the East in this Lodge during my visit than in any other in the District. R. W. Bro. Dawson is a great assistance to any W. M., and he has with him a band of very bright and enthusiastic P. M's, among them Dr. Caw, a charter member of the Lodge, and still a regular attendant. The fraternal spirit seems to be very strong among the members of this Lodge, and I am much mistaken if Doric Lodge does not take a more prominent place among the Lodges of this District than it has hitherto done. I was joined at Lucan by the W. M. and some brethren from Irving Lodge, and we were not only banqueted but found our hotel bills all settled in advance. Bro. Hutchins is a grand Secretary, and his books are beautifully kept.

April 8th visited Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Beck, W. Bros. Tye and Clark, and four other brethren from Goderich, I started for Smith's Hill in a wheeled carriage, and after we had gone 2 or 3 miles we had to get out and walk, as the snow was deep on the road. This occurred several times on the route, and we finally stopped at a draft 10 feet high directly in front of the Masonic hall. We found that the road we had come was the only one passable at all, as the other three directions were completely blocked. Notwithstanding this, we found the principal officers in their places and prepared to exemplify the first degree, which they did in a way which few of the strongest Lodges could have done under the circumstances. W. Bro. Bisset is a good ritualist, though somewhat nervous, and his Wardens are both exceptionally good officers. Lieut.-Col. Varcoe is an efficient Secretary, and his books are neatly kept. The amount of arrears, however, is too great. I made the same suggestion with regard to this as I did in Maitland Lodge. One brother wrote me regretting his inability to be present on account of the impassable roads, and said that he had not missed a D. D. G. M's visit in the previous thirty years. With such a spirit Morning Star Lodge should be all right. I was

grateful to the Goderich brethren for providing the means of transportation and for their company under such trying conditions.

April 15th visited Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford. The attendance of members and visitors was large, and I was informed that candidates were ready for each of the three degrees, and as I had seen W. Bro. Rankin and his officers confer the third degree in Seaforth, I requested them to confer the second degree, and I need scarcely say that the deserved reputation of Tecumseh Lodge for excellent work was fully maintained. With the exception of a very few slight defects all the work was accurately and impressively done. A D. D. G. M. has very little to do in the way of instruction when visiting the Stratford Lodges, as they have so many well posted Grand Lodge officers who take great interest in the work and are quick to detect any flaws and to suggest improvements. Among these are R. W. Bros. McLellan, Mooney, Cassels, Stuart and Mayberry. W. Bro. Malcolm also is a strong support to any W. M. The prospects of the Lodge are excellent, and it meets in the best Lodge room in the District. It has far too many members in arrears, however, and this should be remedied. Many fine speeches were made in the banquet room.

April 29th visited Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden, and was greeted with a fair attendance, considering that it has the smallest membership in the District. W. Bro. Walker and his officers conferred the third degree very creditably. It must be very difficult for the members of this Lodge to have frequent rehearsals, as their residences are widely separated, the population in this locality not being favorable to secret societies, yet the work I saw shows what can be done under such difficulties. W. Bro. Walker and his associates deserve credit for their good showing. W. Bros. Holwell and Butler are good workers and accurate ritualists, and can therefore be of great assistance to the W. M. No arrears.

May 3rd visited Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth. The Lodge was very late in opening. W. Bro. Scott conferred the third degree on a candidate, and did his part of the work very well indeed, but his officers were scarcely as well posted as himself, although they did fairly well. The Secretary does not give the number in arrears, but reports the prospects of the Lodge as good. R. W. Bro. Tierney is an active member of this Lodge.

May 9th visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford. This is the largest Lodge in the District, and I was received by a large number of members and visitors in the fine large room that I have mentioned above. W. Bro. Tilley and his staff of officers conferred the third degree in a manner that I did not see excelled in the District. The W. M. does his work accurately and impressively, each officer is thoroughly posted in his duties, and the Deacons conduct the floor work not only accurately, but in such correct time that it is a pleasure to watch them. The W. M. is not only an impressive ritualist, but a trained musician, and consequently the musical parts both in the Lodge and banquet room were splendidly given. I was requested by R. W. Bro. Cassels to present, on his behalf, to the two Lodges which meet here, a large and beautifully framed photograph of the Lodge of Instruction, held in this room in December, 1902, at which the Grand Master and many Grand Lodge officers were present, and which he, in conjunction with R. W. Bro. Ferguson, of North Huron District, had arranged for the combined districts. I did so with pleasure, and it was accepted by the W. M.'s of the two Lodges with thanks to R. W. Bro. Cassels for his generous gift. A splendid banquet followed after the Lodge was closed. The Secretary does not state the amount of arrears.

May 9th visited St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's, and found a large number of brethren waiting for me. W. Bro. Jackson and his excellent staff of officers conferred the second degree on a candidate in a first-class manner. The Deacons did their work extremely well. From what I saw during my visit I think St. James Lodge should make rapid advances in membership. W. Bros. White and Sharp are enthusiastic Masons and should prove a source of strength to the Lodge. W. Bro. Constable proved a splendid host at the banquet which followed. Books well kept and arrears small.

May 23rd visited Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter. The attendance was large and the third degree was conferred in a manner that required no criticism. W. Bro. Amos is well up in his work and is well supported by his officers. A cloud has arisen on the horizon of this prosperous Lodge, which, I trust, will soon disappear. A number of candidates have been rejected within the last few months, and many of the brethren fear that unworthy motives have caused their rejection. I spoke strongly

on the subject when addressing the brethren, and I hope with good effect. The fourth degree was unique and enjoyable. The I. P. M., W. Bro. Dickson, takes a great interest in the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Sanders is an efficient Secretary and arrears are small.

May 26th visited Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall. I took train to Seaforth and was driven by Bro. Cooper, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Reid and Bro. Box to Hensall, a distance of ten miles. There was a good attendance, considering that there was a downpour of rain the whole evening. W. Bro. Scruton conferred the second degree in an impressive manner, and he was, I think, probably the most nearly word-perfect of any W. M. in the District. He was well supported by his officers. R. W. Bro. McKay may be depended on to keep watch on any defects in this Lodge. There are practically no arrears in the Lodge, and its prospects are marked "very good." The Secretary does not state whether there is any insurance or not. Every other Lodge in the District has insurance on its property. I am grateful to the Seaforth brethren for their kindness.

May 31st visited officially Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell. This is my own Lodge, and it was not necessary for me to visit it to know what its officers could do, but I was well pleased to see W. Bro. Dunbar confer the first degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner, and I feel that when he has a little more practice he will be able to take his place with any in the District. He received good support also from all his officers. At the installation of officers in this Lodge I was requested to present a J. M's Apron to the I. P. M., W. Bro. Schafer, and it gave me much pleasure to do so, as I have worked with him in Masonry for many years and know that he richly deserved this token of esteem by his brethren. This Lodge also honored me by presenting me with a P. M's Jewel at its last meeting. Bro. Blowes is a good Secretary, the prospects of the Lodge are bright, and the arrears not very large.

June 10th visited Elma Lodge, No. 456, Monkton. I had the honor of consecrating this Lodge on September 20th, and was much pleased on this, my official visit, to find the rapid progress that had been made. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Chalmers and his officers in a manner that many of the older Lodges would find it hard to beat. Some of the officers

were somewhat nervous, but all did well. I was much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Campbell, of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, in North Huron District, and some other worshipful brethren from that Lodge, and to have the benefit of their remarks. Elma Lodge will soon be heard from among those who are trying to secure the first place in the District. I was accompanied on this visit by a number of brethren from Mitchell, as they look upon this Lodge as almost a part of Tudor Lodge, W. Bro. Chalmers and a majority of the charter members having belonged to Tudor Lodge. The prospects of the Lodge are given as "good," and there are no arrears.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

The trustees of Knox Church, Auburn, forwarded a request through the Secretary of Morning Star Lodge that the Grand Master be invited to lay the corner stone of their new church. I endorsed the request and sent it to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master granted the request and appointed May 30th as the date for the ceremony, an account of which will appear in the Grand Secretary's report.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren of South Huron District not only for electing me by acclamation to the position of D. D. G. M., but for the kind, loyal and enthusiastic manner in which I have been received in every Lodge in the District, and also for the handsome regalia with which they presented me. Every Lodge in the District paid my travelling expenses and I was royally entertained in every one of them, either at banquets or by refreshments served in the Lodge room or elsewhere. I reminded all the W. M's that the "ancient charges" should be read each year. I suggested that where possible a certain time should be set apart to "talk Masonry," and I think that this learning more of the symbolism of Masonry would make the meetings more interesting than spending all the time in conferring degrees.

I am pleased to state that I am leaving the District in a harmonious and prosperous condition, and I can assure my brethren that I shall look back to my year of office with a great deal of pleasure, and I can only trust that my visits may have been as profitable to the brethren as they have been pleasant to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. ELLIOTT, D.D.G.M.,

South Huron District, No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

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NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in North Huron District, No. 5.

Having had the honor and pleasure of representing the Grand Master in North Huron District, No. 5, for the past year, I desire in the first place to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor conferred on me. Owing to the severe and stormy winter the task of visiting the Lodges was a very arduous one, but it never ceased to be a pleasure. There are 19 Lodges in the District, all of which I visited once, and was everywhere received with the greatest of kindness and courtesy.

My first official act was the appointment of Bro. Thomas Nicholls, of Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, as District Secretary, and I have the greatest pleasure in thanking him for the faithful and difficult way in which he discharged every duty which fell to his lot during my term of office.

My next act was to issue a circular letter to each of the Lodges of the District informing them of my appointment and urging upon them their duty in regard to the Benevolent Fund.

Have much pleasure in acknowledging the promptness with which M. W. Bro. Harding, Grand Master, answered all my inquiries and correspondence. I have also to thank the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray and the Secretaries of the several Lodges for their promptness in answering correspondence and in sending me notices of meetings.

Masonry never was more prosperous in North Huron District No. 5 than it has been in the past year. All Lodges have seasons of depression as well as of prosperity. We have only one weak Lodge in our District, and I am pleased to notice from the summons of their last

meeting that they are getting some new blood in and are on a fair road to prosperity.

ARREARS OF DUES.

The number of members who come under this list continue to be noticeable, although a number of the Lodges have been successful in making a large reduction of this number without having to make many suspensions.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Shortly after my appointment to the office of D. D. G. M. I proposed to Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter, that we hold a Lodge of Instruction in Forest Lodge, which was heartily agreed to. I held this Lodge of Instruction here for the purpose of helping to put new life into Forest Lodge and Teeswater, both of which were at that time considered the weak Lodges of the District. According to the wishes of Wroxeter Lodge I held it on the 28th of December, 1903, which, for two reasons, turned out to be a very unfavorable day, the nominations for municipal offices taking place that day; also it was one of the stormiest days of the season. However, St. John's of Brussels, and Wingham turned out in good numbers, also Fordwich, and a few from other Lodges. Owing to Teeswater being unable to get down, and three candidates being on hand for the first degree, we were unable to put on the second degree. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Brown and officers of Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter. It was also exemplified by W. Bro. Littlejohn and officers of Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, and W. Bro. Cameron and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels, the work in each case being well up to the standard. Col. A. Campbell and officers of Wingham Lodge, No. 286, exemplified the third degree. P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Morton assisted in the last part of the degree, all of which was exceptionally well done. After the close of the Lodge we retired to the Gofton House, where a magnificent banquet was prepared, where a number of excellent addresses were given. I have much pleasure in thanking Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, for generously sharing in the expenses of this banquet.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

On September 27th, 1903, I issued a dispensation to St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels, to attend divine service;

on April 6, 1904, a dispensation to Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley, to hold an At-Home; on July 15, 1904, Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove, to install officers; on July 1, 1904, Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow, to attend divine service.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me: P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Dr. Martin, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine; P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Senator Landerkin, of Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover, and Bro. Thomas Oakley, of St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels.

VISITATIONS.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: I visited this Lodge on March 30th, 1904, at an emergency meeting called by my request. There was a good attendance of members and a number of visitors. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. Bruce and his officers. The work for the evening being a candidate for the third degree, the W. M. done the first part of the work, and P. M. Bro. M. J. Macpherson taking the last part, which was all exceptionally well done. They have a beautiful hall, well equipped, although probably a little small for the size of the town. They have a very efficient Secretary in Bro. Hall. The hospitality of this Lodge is proverbial. I am very much indebted to Bro. M. J. Macpherson for his kindness in showing me the town. This is the oldest Lodge in the District, and I understand the first in the jurisdiction to contribute to the Benevolent Fund, which is a good recommendation for this Lodge.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: I visited on November 11, 1903. There was a fair attendance of officers, members and visitors. The W. M., W. Bro. James Burns and his regular officers opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the first degree. The work was well rendered, the J. W. giving the lecture in good form, and the Master delivered the charge orally. The brethren own the building in which their Lodge room is situated, and have it fully insured. Owing to a number of their members being sailors they do not have as good an attendance in the summer as the winter months. They have a banqueting hall of their own, in which they exemplified the fourth degree, where we finished up a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: My visit was made to this Lodge on October 5th, 1903, at a regular meeting. There was a good turnout of members and visitors. I was accompanied by a number from Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, and there was a carryall load from Teeswater Lodge, No. 276. The Master, W. Bro. Thomas Brown, and his regular officers opened and closed the Lodge in all the degrees, which was well done; they also passed a well prepared candidate, and I was pleased to notice that their work in that occasion, as well as at other times that I have visited this Lodge was equally as well done as it was years ago when this Lodge got the name of being the banner Lodge of the District for good work. They are now as prosperous a Lodge as there is in the District, as will be seen by their tabulated statement, and the material which they are getting in is of the right kind. After Lodge was closed I spent a pleasant hour with the brethren at lunch, when some good addresses were given, songs sung, etc.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: I visited this Lodge on their regular meeting, March 31, 1904. There was a good turnout of members, the Lodge room being well filled. The W. M., W. Bro. Armstrong, and his regular officers opened and closed in the three degrees, the work being well done. Work for the evening being three raisings, the W. M. done part of the first raising very well, considering it was his first attempt, the remainder of the work being done by P. M's. Some of them were a little rusty in the work. The W. M. is very earnest, painstaking and anxious to do the work well. The candidates were all bright smart fellows, and were well prepared. The Secretary, Bro. Days, leaving before the Lodge was closed, I was unable to see his books, but from what I know of Bro. Days I have no hesitancy in saying that the books are in good shape. After the Lodge was closed, which was late, owing to the amount of work, a lunch was served in an adjoining room.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: I visited here on November 13, 1904, at an emergency meeting, which the Master very kindly called at my request. There was a good attendance of members present. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, the work perfect. There being no work on for the evening, the W. M. and his officers, except the J. W., who was absent, exemplified the first degree, this part of the work being also word per-

fect, with, however, a tendency to too much speed by the W. M., and probably not as impressive as it might be. This, however, might be accounted for in the work being an exemplification. The lecture by the J. W. who filled the chair *pro tem.* was excellent. The Secretary, Bro. F. C. Harris, has his books in beautiful shape. I understand this is a characteristic of Bro. Harris to do everything he undertakes well. After the Lodge closed a very pleasant time was spent at lunch in social chat, etc.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: I visited this Lodge on February 26th and found a small attendance, owing principally to their not getting notice of visitation in time to have it put in their summons, and the bad condition of the roads. The reason, however, of their not getting my notice in time was owing to the blockade of the railroads. Bro. Thos. Littlejohn, of Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, very kindly accompanies me on my visit to this Lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. Mitchell and his officers opened and closed; fairly well done. The degree work of the evening being the passing of Bro. Broadfoot, a very intelligent candidate, who was well prepared. The work of W. Bro. Mitchell in this degree was very well done, considering it was his first attempt, having been installed at the new year. The work of the J. W. could be easily improved; that of the S. W. was good. The Secretary's (Bro. Benning) books are in good shape. A very pleasant time was spent at lunch, which brought the evening to a close.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: The occasion of my official visit took place here on November 10, 1903. Owing to the evening being extremely wet, there was a small attendance. However, those who were there were ambitious and anxious to have everything done right. Opening and closing was very well done. First degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M. and his officers. The work of the Master was excellent, S. W. fair, J. W. very good. The work of the other officers was only fair. This Lodge has a very efficient Secretary in Bro. Shephard. They still meet in the Oddfellows' hall my predecessor condemned so strongly. However, I was pleased to have the opportunity of seeing their new hall, which was nearly completed at that time. Their dues are very well paid up. At the close of the meeting an adjournment was made to one of the hotels, where a splendid banquet was spread and a pleasant evening rounded up.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: I made my first official visit here at a regular meeting Friday, September 5, 1903. W. Bro. Fowler opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well, and exemplified the second degree, some of his officers being absent. However, with a little practice, W. Bro. Fowler would make a very efficient Master. Their hall is very small and inconvenient; however, they informed me that they were negotiating for a larger and better hall. This Lodge at the time I visited was not in a very thriving condition, but I notice by their summonses lately that they are doing better now. I gave this Lodge the opportunity of putting on whatever degree they wished at the Lodge of Instruction. They chose the second, but failed to get to Forest Lodge on that day, owing partly to the storm and condition of the roads, and being interested in municipal matters. At the close of the Lodge a very pleasant half hour was spent with the brethren. One thing I noticed about Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, was that they were very careful about who they admit into their Lodge. This, I think, is very commendable.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: I visited here at a regular meeting on May 31, 1904. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors. The W. M., W. Bro. Brown, and his officers of Forest Lodge, No. 162, were here and assisted in the work, also a carryall load of Fordwich brethren accompanied me. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. J. H. Cameron, and officers. They also conferred the first degree on a very bright candidate. The work of the Master was faultless, that of the S. W. good, that of the J. W. could be improved, especially the lecture. The W. M., W. Bro. Brown, and officers of Forest Lodge, No. 162, conferred the third degree on a well prepared candidate. Their work was well done, but not as good as I had seen them do before. St. John's have a fine Lodge, well equipped; their ante-room is probably a little small for comfort. This is a very prosperous Lodge, which is generally the case where there is an efficient Master and good officers. A very pleasant evening was rounded up by a beautiful banquet at Mr. Brown's hotel, where there were some fine addresses and good songs.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited here at their regular meeting March 20, 1904. There was a very good turnout of members considering the kind of a night and the state of the roads, which were almost impassable.

The W. M., W. Bro. Walker, and his officers conferred the second degree on a bright and well prepared candidate. The work was very well done considering that they had just been installed the first of the year. They also opened and closed in the several degrees, which was well up to the standard. This is a small Lodge in a country village, but is very prosperous. After the Lodge was closed we retired to Bro. Walker's hotel, where an excellent banquet was spread, after which an hour was spent in social chat, addresses and songs.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: My official visit was made to this Lodge on February 1, 1904. It being a very stormy time, the train which I went on was six hours late, which caused me to be late in getting to the Lodge meeting. P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Dr. Wilson met me at the depot, and just here I might say that I am very much indebted to the doctor for his kindness to me while I was in Tara. There are two P. D. D. G. M's here, R. W. Bros. Wilson and Bruce, also V. W. Bro. Macdonald, so I expected the work here to be equal to the standard. This being the first meeting after installation, the Master and officers were a little green. They opened and closed fairly well in the several degrees. The work for the evening being the third degree, the Master asked P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Bruce, Bros. Macdonald and Collins to do the work for him, which was all done very well, but with a little practice could be improved. The banquet which followed was magnificent. They are an excellent lot of fellows, and the pleasant recollections of my visit to Tara will not soon be forgotten.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on January 5, 1904. There was a fair attendance of members. Besides opening and closing in the several degrees, the W. M., W. Bro. Col. Campbell, and officers exemplified the third degree, P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Morton taking the candidate in the last part of the degree. The work of the W. M. was very good, he being a little nervous. I would recommend a little more practice, which would give him more confidence in himself. P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Morton, as would be naturally expected, done his work splendidly. This Lodge is in a very thriving condition. In a town like Wingham there is no lack of good material. After the Lodge was closed lunch was served in their commodious refreshment room and a pleasant half hour spent with the brethren.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: This being my own Lodge, at whose meetings I am always present—I don't remember the time that I was absent unless when away from home. I consider this Lodge is a practical demonstration of how a Lodge can be made to prosper in a small village, having an opportunity of seeing the work well done from time to time and of assisting the Master in doing the work when burdened with too much. I had occasion to refer to the work of this Lodge in the foregoing part of this report. When at the Lodge of Instruction at Forest Lodge, Wroxeter, I held them in reserve to take whatever degree they might be asked to take when called on. The Master, W. Bro. T. M. Littlejohn, is always ready and willing to do any work when called on, and is well posted in the work. The Treasurer's books are well kept. Being Secretary myself, I will not say much about the books. I try and keep the dues as well paid up as possible. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition just now. The fourth degree was exemplified in honor of my visit.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: My visit of inspection was made to this Lodge on February 2, 1904. There was a fair attendance of members, and one visitor, Bro. Fred. Oberndorffer, of Cataraqui Lodge, No. 02, Kingston, who accompanied me the following day on a drive of twenty-three miles, the trains being blocked. We started at 1 p. m. and drove until 8, intending to make Wiarton, got lost four times, and got as far as Park Head Junction, and was stalled until the next evening, when I walked two miles to get to Hepworth through a blinding storm with the thermometer at 10 below and the roads impassable for horse travel. However, this has nothing to do with the inspection of Forest Lodge, which opened and closed in the several degrees by P. M. W. Bro. Smellie, the W. M., W. Bro. Little, being absent. The work of the Master was excellent. The work for the evening being the first degree, conferred on a very bright candidate, Bro. Dobie, a school teacher, who had just returned from South Africa. The Lodge don't appear to suffer any with respect to the work in the absence of the W. M., as you can't hitch Bro. Smellie wrong, he being always ready and willing to confer a degree, and can do his work excellent. The lecture delivered by P. M. Bro. Ross was done in good style. This Lodge has a number of very active P. M's, to whom the Lodge owes great deal for its prosperity.

I was entertained at an excellent supper after the close of the Lodge.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: I visited here on March 24, 1904, at an emergent meeting called at my request by the W. M., W. Bro. S. E. Foster. There was a splendid turnout of members. The work for the evening being the passing of a candidate, well prepared, also opening and closing in the several degrees. The work was faultlessly done by the W. M. and his regular officers. The work of the W. M., W. Bro. S. E. Foster, was exceptionally well done. This is the best equipped Lodge in the District, and a Lodge that is hard to beat for good work. The music introduced in the ceremony makes it very solemn and impressive. They had just moved into their new hall, which is a model of neatness and beauty, with a very large banqueting room in connection, where we were entertained to an excellent banquet, with addresses and songs, which rounded up one of the pleasantest evenings that I ever spent.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 42, Port Elgin: On November 9th, 1903, I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge officially. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, also a candidate passed who was only fairly well prepared, he being from a distance and not having a chance to post himself. The work of the Master is very good. He is very earnest and impressive. The work of the Wardens and Deacons could be improved by a little practice. Impressed the brethren, as I did everywhere, with the necessity of living our Masonry outside the Lodge. We are apt to leave our Masonry in the Lodge room. That is where we go to learn Masonry and go into the world to practice it. At the close of the Lodge an excellent supper was served, at which a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: I visited here on November 12, 1903. A very good attendance of officers and brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Gosins, opened and closed in the several degrees and exemplified the first degree to my entire satisfaction. They had a candidate for first degree, and one for second, but for one of them the necessary time had not elapsed, and the other was unavoidably absent. This is another evidence of the success of a country Lodge. They do as good work as is done in the best Lodge in the District and take a great interest in Masonry. There was a load drove over from

Walkerton, amongst whom were P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Col. Scott and Henry Clark. The banquet which followed was enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of being present.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: My visit to this Lodge was made on March 25, 1904. There was a good turnout of members considering the extremely wet night and bad state of the roads. The work of the evening was opening and closing in the several degrees, and third degree conferred. The work was very creditably done by the W. M. and his officers. The W. M., however, was a little too deliberate. They have a number of Past Masters who take a great interest in the work. This Lodge has suffered considerably by the removal by death of Dr. Landarkin, whose portrait, done in life size by Bro. J. S. Knechtel, and presented to the Lodge, is a piece of very fine workmanship. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well looked after by efficient members. A pleasant half hour was spent at lunch with the brethren.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: My visit was made here on February 3, 1904, under very peculiar and trying circumstances. I had been stalled in Park Head for one day and night, the roads being impassable for horse travel. I walked the railway track two miles through snow from five to six feet deep, and got to Hepworth about seven o'clock p. m., it being desperately stormy and the roads impassable. The brethren came to the conclusion that I couldn't get there, so cancelled their meeting. However, when I arrived a number got together and informed me that they would have a meeting if I wished. However, the Master, who lives at Shallow Lake, a distance of about three miles, was unable to be there, so I concluded not to hold a meeting, but inspected their Lodge room and books, and their Lodge room is the neatest I ever was in, not a speck anywhere to be seen. I happened to be smoking a cigar when I went into the Lodge room, and not thinking of the laws of strict etiquette, I was informed by P. M. Bro. Dr. Campbell that I was violating one of their by-laws. I think if some of the older of our Lodges were more particular in this respect it would be commendable. Their hall is a model of neatness, and their books are well kept. The brethren that I had the pleasure of meeting here were the leading men of the town, and a fine lot of fellows.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for their universal kindness and courtesy

while visiting the several Lodges throughout this District. The work done in the Lodges, with few exceptions, is well up to the standard. I shall never forget the pleasant hours I spent with my brethren. The Lodges all contributed to my expenses with but two exceptions. In laying down the official gavel I do so with gratitude to the brethren of North Huron District, No. 5, and hope that Masonry may prosper in Canada and in North Huron No. 5.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. C. HUTCHISON, D.D.G.M.,

North Huron District, No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, P. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
93	North'n L't	Kincardine....	89	4	6	9	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	2	13	9	22	24	\$59 50	1	4 75	Dec., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	\$2000 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton....	66	5	1	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	20	11 00	3	10 00	Mar. 3, '04	Good	Good	Yes	2100 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter....	38	7	7	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	12	10 00	1	3 75	Jan. 11, '04	Good	Good	No	None
194	Old Light	Lacknow....	82	12	4	10	7	7	2	3	2	2	2	1	13	9	22	12	30 00	2	3 00	Dec. 31, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	900 00
197	Saugen	Walkerton....	59	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	13	16	60 00	20	100 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
225	Barnard	Listowel....	89	8	7	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	15	15	60 00	20	100 00	May 28, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
255	Aldworth	Paisley....	46	7	13	14	3	1	4	2	3	4	2	2	12	9	24	16	10 00	4	43 00	June, 1904	Fairly Gd	Fair	Yes	200 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater....	25	3	3	2	2	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	12	13	14	19	10 00	4	31 00	Dec. 27, '03	Clear	Good	Yes	250 00
284	St. Johns.	Brussels....	58	4	4	4	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	11	12	13	18	77 00	8	69 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
286	Wingham	Wingham....	82	9	7	7	9	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	16	2	18	11	28 00	4	25 00	April 28, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich....	38	7	6	6	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	2	18	11	28 00	4	25 00	April 28, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00
341	Bruce	Tiverton....	36	0	3	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	2	18	11	28 00	4	25 00	April 28, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	350 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara....	48	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	9	22	17	95 00	14	50 00	Dec. 28, '03	Good	Fair	No	500 00
393	Forest	Glesley....	36	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	9	22	17	95 00	14	50 00	Dec. 28, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	800 00
396	Cedar.	Warton....	104	8	2	7	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	12	14	42 50	27	118 00	Dec. 26, '03	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin....	51	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	11	11	12	14	10 00	15	52 00	June, '03	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
431	Moravian	Eden Grove....	49	9	2	5	8	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	12	14	10 00	8	21 00	Dec. 27, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
432	Hanover	Hanover....	47	6	5	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	4	15	15	4	40 00	June 8, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
436	Burns.	Hepworth....	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	13	.....	11	55 00	.....	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Wilson District No. 6, for the past Masonic year.

I first wish to thank the representatives of this District for having unanimously elected me to fill the high and responsible office of D. D. G. M., and also to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and members of all the Lodges throughout the District for their uniform countesy extended to me at all times, and to the Secretaries in particular for their generous assistance in giving me all required information.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular letter to the Lodges in the District, and appointing Rev. Bro. E. W. Hughes, of Tillsonburg, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. E. M. Bigg, M. A., of Vienna, District Secretary.

As it was not possible to arrange for a Lodge of Instruction, I recommended fraternal visits and an exchange of work among the Lodges, which I am happy to say has in several instances been carried out to the benefit and pleasure of those concerned.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District once during my term, and some a second time. These visits have all been made on regular nights of meeting, with one exception, and I am pleased to state the Lodges are, with few exceptions, in a very healthy and prosperous condition, that the work is exceptionally well and uniformly done, and that harmony and brotherly love prevails. As a rule I found very little to criticize as to the work, but rather more to commend, and in my remarks recommended that we all apply the beauty and perfection of our Masonic work to our lives and conduct.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

1. The celebration of the Centenary of Masonry in Norfolk County.

This took place in Simcoe under the auspices of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, on Friday, January 26, 1904.

One hundred years ago, in the early part of the year 1804, there was held on the shores of Lake Erie the first assembly, in a warranted Lodge, of Norfolk Masons. To mark the centenary of this event, Norfolk Lodge, the senior Lodge of the County, and the direct offshoot of the body then established, determined to hold a celebration, and despite the unfavorable weather, was a grand success.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and other Grand Officers were present.

The order of the day was as follows:

2.30 p. m.—Installation of officers by D. D. G. M.

7.30 p. m.—Reception at Lodge room to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and to visiting brethren.

9 p. m.—Banquet at the Norfolk House. At each plate a booklet, a beautiful work of art, containing the menu, toast list, the names of the newly-installed officers, Bro. Thompson's History of Masonry in Norfolk County, and the names of Past Masters of Norfolk Lodge.

2. Presentation to R. W. Bro. James Ross, P. D. D. G. M. of Wilson District, Co. 6, on behalf of the District, a P. D. D. G. M's regalia and suit case, at Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, January 27, 1904.

3. Presentation to R. W. Bro. James Smiley, P. D. D. G. M., on behalf of Wilson District No. 6, a P. D. D. G. M's regalia, at Princeton, under the auspices of Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, April 1, 1904.

4. Reorganization of Springfield Lodge, No. 259, at Springfield on May 23, 1904.

5. Laying the corner stone of the new Town Hall, Port Dover, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C., and other Grand Officers.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations to attend divine service, clothed in regalia, were issued to Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna; Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford; King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll, and St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll.

BY-LAWS.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, on two occasions submitted by-laws for my consideration, which were forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Grand Master.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year :

Bro. Asa J. Hill, Fredrick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi, joined June 24, 1901; died July 22, 1903, at Parkhill, the result of a fall.

Bro. Elmer L. Shettok, King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg, died July 6, 1903.

Bro. Isaac M. Vincent, King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg, died July 23, 1903.

R. W. Bro. William McDonald, P. D. D. G. M. Wilson District No. 6, and member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg, died December 17, 1903. Buried with Masonic honors December 20. Although the day was very stormy and unpleasant, a large number of Masons from Lodges throughout the District were in attendance. R. W. Bro. McDonald was an untiring worker in the cause of Masonry, an ex-Mayor of the town of Tillsonburg, and was much esteemed for his many excellent qualities as a man and a Mason.

W. Bro. Major Alexander McClenigham, the last of the charter members of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock, joined December 22, 1852; died March 2, 1904, a continuous member over the whole period. As the widow wished a quiet funeral he was interred with Masonic honors.

Bro. Samuel J. Cole, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock. Joined by affiliation, January 31, 1882; died March 25, 1904. A good and true man and Mason, an ex-Mayor of the city of Woodstock, highly esteemed by all. Buried with Masonic honors March 28, 1904, a cold stormy day, still a very large number of brethren from his own and Oxford Lodge turned out to pay the last sad token of respect to the departed brother.

W. Bro. Robert R. Fulton, P. M., Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died October 20, 1903, aged 65 years.

Bro. George Harwood, Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died April 9, 1904, aged 65 years.

W. Bro. James T. Bain, P. M., Oxford Lodge, No. 76. Woodstock, died April 24, 1904, aged 61 years.

VISITS.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell: My first official visit, Tuesday, December 1, accompanied by the W. Master, W. Bro. Benj. Brian, and a large number of brethren from Vienna Lodge, No. 237. Was right royally received with the usual Grand Honors. This being their regular meeting for the election of officers, no other business of importance was done. The W. M., W. Bro. J. Kemp, opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees in a most perfect manner. This Lodge is now making good progress, and the prospects for the future are encouraging. W. Bro. Burwell makes an excellent Secretary and a good helper in the work of the Lodge. At the close an excellent supper was given in the Lodge room. The usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville: Visited this Lodge December 4, accompanied by R. W. Bros. W. A. Karn, V. W. Bro. J. W. Witton and W. Bro. E. C. Thornton, of Woodstock. Was very cordially received. Had the pleasure of meeting our venerable and enthusiastic R. W. Bro. Allshire, P. D. D. G. M. Wilson District. The other visiting brethren present were W. Bro. James McMahon, Past Master King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock; W. Bro. E. W. Town, Past Master Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip, and Bro. J. W. Fry, Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Metita, Manitoba. The attendance was good, and among the members so many Past Masters. At the request of the Lodge, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Karn and V. W. Bro. Dutton, I installed the officers for the ensuing year. The officers were well posted in the work. The Secretary, W. Bro. W. R. Henderson, is a model bookkeeper, keeping the neatest set of books in the District. At the conclusion of the installation, there being no other business, the Lodge closed, and the brethren repaired to the Beemer House, where a magnificent banquet was prepared for us and a pleasant hour was spent in speeches and song.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland: Visited this Lodge Monday, December 28. Was met at the railway station by Bro. Claude Mitchell. W. Bro. Adrian Smith, I. P. M., acting as Master in the absence of the W. M., W. Bro.

A. Dawson. One candidate was balloted for and accepted, and two were initiated, W. Bro. Smith initiating one and W. Bro. Malcolm the other. The officers were well posted in their work. Bro. J. G. Wood was then installed as W. M., and the other officers in their order. The Lodge room is very comfortable and the appointments good. The Lodge has had a prosperous year and the future looks bright. W. Bro. James Malcolm makes an exceptionally good Secretary. The attendance was large. At the close of the Lodge we repaired to Robinson's hotel, where a magnificent banquet was prepared. The usual toasts were responded to by visiting brethren from Halifax, Norwich, Brantford, Waterford and officers and members present, pleasure and profit being the result.

Visited Ingersoll at the request of King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, and St. John's Lodge, No. 68. December 29, to install their officers at a joint meeting of the two Lodges. Was met at the station by W. Bro. J. W. Neff. I assumed the gavel and proceeded to install Bro. J. W. Patterson, W. M. of King Hiram Lodge; W. Bro. James A. Cornfoot having already served one term as W. M. of St. John's Lodge, and the other officers respectively in their order. The best of good feeling exists between these two lodges and prosperity should attend them. None but kind words were spoken by the members in the short speeches at the close. They have a beautiful Lodge room and every convenience for the work.

On December 30 installed the officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg. W. Bro. McQueen, the newly installed Master, and all his staff of officers are particularly well posted. This is an up-to-date and progressive Lodge, and may be considered one of the first in the District.

Visited Oriental Lodge, No. 178, Port Burwell, January 5th. Installed the officers for the current term.

Friday, January 22, attended the grand celebration of the centenary of Masonry in Norfolk County, given under the auspices of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10. Owing to the unfortunate conditions of travel at the time I arrived too late to fulfil fully my engagement with the Lodge to install their officers. Before my arrival the Lodge had been opened and R. W. Bro. Atkinson had performed that duty upon Bro. Innes, W. M.-elect. I had the honor, however, to complete the ceremony. I have already made mention of the event.

Visited Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, at their regular meeting January 27th. This was a meeting of more than ordinary importance. The membership had now reached over a hundred. The members had all paid their dues in full. Bills were all paid and \$507.00 cash on hand. Several presentations were to be made and the officers installed. The attendance of members and visiting brethren were very large. I had been invited to be present to install the officers. Was enthusiastically received. The retiring W. M., W. Bro. Pearce, presented the Lodge with a framed group of all the Past Masters of Wilson Lodge since the charter was granted in 1859, there being twenty-two in all. On behalf of the District I had the honor to present R. W. Bro. James Ross, P. D. D. G. M., with a beautiful P. D. D. G. M's regalia and suit case, which was received with due gratitude and appreciation. W. Bro. Pearce, on behalf of I. M. Selly, of Simcoe, presented the Lodge with a beautifully framed large crayon portrait of William Mercer Wilson, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who was a charter member of Wilson Lodge, and for whom Wilson Lodge was named. With the assistance of R. W. Bro. Ross I then proceeded to instal Bro. W. M. McGuire, W. M., and the other subordinate officers for the ensuing year. At the conclusion, on behalf of the Lodge, I presented the retiring W. M., W. Bro. T. Geo. Pearce, with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel. The Lodge was then closed and all retired to Teeter's hotel, where an elegant supper was prepared for them. The Waterford orchestra played some fine selections during the supper. All then returned to the Lodge room, where a lengthy toast list was responded to by the visiting brethren and officers of the Lodge.

Visited Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip, January 28. Was met on my arrival by W. Bro. Town, an old and enthusiastic Mason, a member of this Lodge. I had been invited to install the officers for the ensuing year, and was given a right cordial reception. Bro. E. M. Johnson was duly installed as W. M., the Wardens and other officers in their order. I was ably assisted by W. Bro. Town and visiting brethren, W. Bro. James McMahon, Woodstock; W. Bro. Henderson, Plattsville, and Bro. James Kenney. The officers all seem bright, intellectual men and understand the work fairly well. The membership is small, and no progress has been made this last year. At the close a very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table.

Fredrick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: Visited this Lodge February 1. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Crysler, P. D. D. G. M. of Wilson District, at present Secretary of the Lodge, and a most efficient one he makes. The first degree was given fairly well to a very bright candidate, by W. Bro. J. Jago, W. M., and his staff of officers, considering that it was the first work put on since their installation. There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren from Port Burwell, Vienna and St. Thomas. The Lodge room is large and well fitted up, and the future seems bright. Was well received, and a pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: Visited this Lodge April 15. A terrific snow storm was raging at the time. The attendance, therefore, was small. W. Bro. J. A. Cornfoot and his officers, some of them appointed for the evening, exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. The Lodge has made good progress during the year, and future prospects are good. Bro. S. M. Douglas is an excellent Secretary, looking well after the work and keeping the finances in good shape. At the close we repaired to a restaurant near by, where a good lunch was served, and despite the storm had a pleasant evening.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg: Visited this Lodge February 24, accompanied by Bros. John McCrimmon and Rev. J. J. Haylock, of Vienna Lodge, No. 237. The attendance of members was large, a number of visiting brethren also being present. My reception was most enthusiastic. The first and second degrees were exceptionally well done by W. Bro. McQueen and his able officers. The Lodge has been very prosperous, and has at present 137 members. The present room being too small for its accommodation, the Lodge has now under construction a Masonic Temple, which will be an honor to the Craft and a credit to the town of Tillsonburg. The social entertainment was exceedingly good. In response to the usual toast excellent speeches and songs were given, especially an illustrated address from the Junior Warden, Bro. A. H. D. Ross, on Geometry, as applied to Masonry.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: Visited this Lodge February 25. The attendance was good, visiting brethren from Port Burwell, Vienna and London being present. Several applicants were balloted for and received. They have a splendid staff of officers, and the Past Masters take much interest in the work. The Lodge

has been making splendid progress this last year. W. Bro. James Ryan is an untiring officer, and looks well after the duties of his office as Secretary. As usual at the close a happy hour was spent over a delicious lunch, with short speeches and song, and finally breaking up with the Junior Warden's toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

Visited Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria, February 26. Was met on my arrival at the station by Bro. C. A. Dunkin, was taken to the hotel, where I met and was entertained by W. Bros. Wells and Wood, old and enthusiastic charter members and Past Masters of Vittoria Lodge. This Lodge meets in comparatively new and commodious rooms, conveniently situated in the village. My reception was most cordial. The Lodge was presided over by W. Bro. Mitchell. After the routine of business W. Bro. Tow took the chair and conferred the first degree very creditably. The W. M. again assumed the gavel and opened the Lodge in the second degree. A candidate for the third was examined, who passed an excellent examination. The lateness of the hour prevented the degree being given. At the close a substantial lunch was served in the Lodge room. Addresses were given by visiting brethren, W. Bro. Waddel, Bros. Miller and Davis, of Erie Lodge, Port Dover; Bro. D. McColl, Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, officers and Past Masters of the Lodge, and I believe a very profitable evening was spent.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: Officially visited this Lodge February 29. As the trains were blocked, had to drive over from Simcoe. The night was stormy, but a fair attendance was present. Received a right royal welcome from the enthusiastic brethren present. This Lodge has been doing fairly well the last year. The W. M., W. Bro. J. R. Waddel, is a very energetic and efficient officer, and with his excellent staff of officers does the work remarkably well. The Lodge also has the assistance of Dr. Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M., and a number of Past Masters. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. Varey, looks well after the business of the Lodge. The entertainment at the close was excellent, and many instructive addresses were delivered by the Past Masters and others present. I am much indebted to Bro. Fick for a delightful drive about the beautiful town of Port Dover the following morning, made more beautiful by the ice storm of the night before, and also to W. Bro. Waddel for driving me back to Simcoe, as no trains were yet running from Port Dover.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: Visited this Lodge officially March 1st. Was well received. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Innes, assisted by I. P. M. Dr. McIntosh. This Lodge counts among its members many old and enthusiastic members, those that have held the highest positions in the Craft, and the credit of the Order is well maintained by its present membership. At the close lunch was served in the refreshment room of the Lodge, Bro. J. T. Thompson and W. Bro. Jos. Bottomly (perpetual Junior Warden) presiding. In response to the usual toasts addresses were given by R. W. Bro. J. Ross, R. W. Bro. Atkinson, W. Bro. Waddel and officers and members of the Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: Visited this Lodge March 2. W. Bro. A. D. Ellis occupied the chair and conferred the third degree on an exceptionally well posted candidate. W. Bro. Ellis and the other officers of the Lodge exemplified this degree in a most correct and impressive manner. The opening and closing was equally well done. The attendance was large. The meeting was graced with the presence of R. W. Bro. A. M. McCurdy and several Past Masters. The Secretary, W. Bro. Tolden, is a good officer; however, a little too easy with members in arrears, as returns will show. At the close a substantial lunch was served in the refreshment room of the Lodge.

Visited Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, March 14. Was met at the hotel by R. W. Bro. Karn and W. Bro. W. Hodges, W. M. of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, and escorted to the Lodge room. Was received most cordially. The Lodge had met punctually on time, as is their custom. Work in the first degree was done by W. Bro. Angus Cameron, very ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Karn, V. W. Bros. Miller and Dutton, and W. Bro. Hodges, of King Solomon's Lodge. At the request of R. W. Bro. Karn I presented a beautifully framed photo of himself to the Lodge, as a token of gratitude for the many acts of kindness that he had received at their hands. After a few short speeches by eminent brethren present, we repaired to the refreshment room, where a bountiful and delicious lunch was served. The Secretary's books were a model of neatness, and everything pertaining to the management of the Lodge was first-class. King Solomon's Lodge was well represented. The greatest harmony prevails between the two Lodges in Woodstock.

Visited Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton, April 1, accompanied by Bro. T. W. McQueen, of Woodstock. The attendance of members was small, but the addition of several visitors from Paris, Innerkip, Burford and Woodstock added interest to the meeting. The W. M., W. Bro. F. I. Daniels, having only partially recovered from a serious illness, W. Bro. A. R. Huston officiated. There being no degree work on, the opening and closing in the three degrees was done in a very creditable manner. The event of the evening was the presentation, on behalf of the District, to R. W. Bro. James Smiley, P. D. D.G.M., who is a member of this Lodge, with a beautiful P. D. D. G. M's regalia. It was a surprise to the R. W. Bro., and therefore all the more appreciated, which he expressed in words of gratitude, to the Lodges throughout the District, and especially to the members of his mother lodge. The Lodge for the past year has added no new members, and is practically at a standstill. However, the officers and members do not seem altogether discouraged, but continue to hope for better things in the future. A grand supper was served in the dining-room at the hotel, and all seemed delighted with the evening's entertainment.

Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, on Tuesday, April 26, at an emergency meeting called at my request. Was met at the station by R. W. Bro. Smiley and W. Bro. Taylor. W. Bro. J. Bain, W. M., in the chair. The second degree was conferred upon a visiting brother from Ayr at the request of the W. M. of that Lodge. The Work was done well. The opening and closing was also well done. I had the pleasure, on behalf of the Lodge, of presenting W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Past Master and Secretary, with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel, which was acknowledged in grateful and eloquent terms by the W. Bro. At the close a short time was spent in social intercourse.

Visited Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Smiley, of Paris, on Wednesday, April 27. We were met at the station by W. Bro. Dr. Johnson. Had a most enthusiastic reception. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, the W. M. and his officers doing the work very correctly. The beautiful Lodge room is the property of the Lodge. General prosperity and harmony prevails. At the close the brethren repaired to the hotel, where a grand banquet was prepared, which was done ample justice to. After the cloth was removed

the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W. M. and enthusiastically drunk. The toast to the Grand Lodge was responded to by R. W. Bro. Smiley and myself. The toast proposed by R. W. Bro. Smiley to the officers and members of Burford Lodge was ably responded to by the W. M., R. W. Bro. T. Miles, W. Bro. Dr. Johnson, and several other W. brethren, interspersed with songs and recitations by the brethren. A profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

Visited Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro, April 28. Drove from Woodstock in company with R. W. Bro. W. A. Karn, V. W. Bro. Millman, and W. Bro. Cole. Was very well received. The attendance was small. The Lodge has not been very prosperous of late, but they report the future as looking brighter. The W. Master was unavoidably absent, and a Past Master opened the Lodge and conferred the third degree on two exceptionally bright candidates, who will no doubt be of great assistance in the work and prosperity of the Lodge. R. W. Bro. Karn took part in the work and raised one candidate in his inimitable and forceful style. At the close a short time was spent in social intercourse.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock: Visited this Lodge officially May 3. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Was introduced by R. W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Farthing and W. Bro. A. Cameron, W. M. of Oxford Lodge. Was given a right hearty welcome. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Hodges, the Master, assisted by W. Bro. John W. Dutton and a very efficient staff of officers. The work was exceedingly well done. W. Bro. Hodges is a remarkably zealous officer, not having missed a meeting during his term of office, although living three and one-half miles from the city. It is to such brethren that we look for the success of our grand old institution. V. W. Bro. A. McGachie makes a most efficient Secretary, having everything in perfect order. The meeting closed with a banquet in the refreshment room, and a short toast list was responded to by your representative, R. W. Bro. Karn, V. W. Bro. McGachie, W. Bro. Hodges, W. Bro. John W. Dutton and W. Bro. E. W. Town of Oak Branch.

Visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll, May 6. W. Bro. J. W. Patterson, the W. M., in the chair. The second degree was conferred and the work fairly well done. The Lodge has been making good progress of late.

there now being eight candidates ready for the third degree. A pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation to W. Bro. J. A. Neff, I. P. M., of a beautiful Past Master's Jewel. The greatest harmony exists between the two Lodges of the town, which speaks well for the cause of Masonry in this vicinity. The Lodge has been unfortunate in the removal from town of both the Senior and Junior Wardens. My reception was one of the best. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. R. T. Agar attends to his duties right well as secretary. At the close of the meeting a sumptuous repast was given in the refreshment room of the Lodge and a good social time was spent by the brethren.

My official visit to Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna, was made on May 27. The officers and members from Oriental Lodge, No. 81, Port Burwell, were present in large numbers and assisted in giving me a right royal reception. The business of the evening was the election of officers, at the close of which W. Bro. J. Kemp, from Port Burwell, took the chair and conferred the second degree in splendid style. Vienna Lodge has made great progress this last term, initiating nine, passing ten, and raising fourteen candidates, holding a total of twenty-two meetings. The financial standing is now good, having removed all indebtedness from and owning the hall in which they meet. This Lodge, however, like many others in the District, have several members in arrears for dues, which seems difficult to avoid. After the Lodge closed a substantial lunch was served in the refreshment room and a pleasant time was spent, concluding, as is customary on all such occasions, with singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

Reorganization of Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield. This Lodge surrendered its warrant some years ago. Early in December, 1903, the former Secretary, Bro. J. B. Lucas, communicated with the M. W. the Grand Master respecting the reorganization of this Lodge. Soon after I received instructions from the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, to report upon the advisability of re-opening the same, and after due inquiry recommended that the Lodge be reorganized. A petition was thereupon forwarded to the Grand Master, and a dispensation obtained, together with the original warrant and books of the Lodge. I was to use no delay in getting the Lodge started. The 23rd of May was agreed upon for

the date of meeting. In the afternoon prior to the evening meeting I examined the appointed W. M., Wardens, and other officers in the work of opening and closing in the three degrees, and found them particularly well versed in every detail of the work. At the evening meeting there was a very large attendance of visiting brethren from Alymer, Port Burwell, Vienna, Tillsonburg and other places. I assumed the chair, and being ably assisted by brethren from Malahide, No. 140, Aylmer, opened the Lodge in the first degree. The letters of dispensation, together with the original warrant and books of the former Lodge, were then presented to the appointed W. M., Wardens and other petitioners, as commanded and authorized by the Grand Master. The officers were then installed. W. Bro. Geo. Stewart, the W. M., is a bright, intelligent man and an enthusiastic Mason, thoroughly competent to manage and work the Lodge, a Past Master of Malahide Lodge, No. 140. He owns the hall in which the Lodge meets. It is a large and commodious room built for Lodge purposes. The Secretary, Bro. M. M. Black, should make a splendid officer. The prospects for the future look bright, as fourteen applications for membership were received and referred to committees. A banquet was prepared for us at the hotel, an elaborate spread that all enjoyed. Some good speeches were made, all wishing Springfield Lodge great success in the future.

And in closing I regret that the Lodges have not taken more general interest in raising the Semi-Centennial Fund proposed by the Grand Master. However, I may say that I have endeavored to do my best for the interests of Masonry in Wilson District. The Lodges have all contributed most liberally to my expenses and rendered me every assistance in their power in the performance of my duties. Everywhere I have been received with uniform kindness and courtesy, and I shall ever remember the many pleasant hours spent with the brethren of the different Lodges throughout the District, and trust that the pleasures and benefits derived have been mutual.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL S. CLUTTON, D.D.G.M.,

Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's confd.		Meet- ings held.										Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Average attendance of members.													
														Total.	Regular.	Emergent.											
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	115	13	2	11	7	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	18	39	\$20 00	26	286 52	April 8, '04	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 200 00
37	King Hir m.....	Ingersoll.....	84	10	1	8	9	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	10 00	9	135 00	Feb. 9, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
43	K. Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	122	15	1	13	9	13	1	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	29	75 00	18	130 00	Dec. 27, '03	Splendid	Splendid	Yes	1125 00	
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	81	8	1	6	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	10 00	15	125 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
146	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	145	13	8	11	9	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	75 00	31	146 00	Jan. 6, '04	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	1125 00	
78	King Hir m.....	Tillsonburg.....	137	3	7	6	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	20 00	25	125 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	62	2	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	15 00	15	125 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	77	5	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	40 00	40	107 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
106	Burford.....	Waterford.....	70	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	7 00	6	200 00	June 24, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00	
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	105	19	17	14	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	55 00	13	50 00	Dec. 27, '03	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	100 00	
149	Wesling m.....	Port Dover.....	59	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	15	13 00	15	49 00	Dec. 27, '03	Splendid	Splendid	Yes	1200 00	
174	Wesling m.....	Port Dover.....	54	5	2	5	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	20	11 00	7	62 21	Feb. 10, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00	
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	39	5	4	3	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	20 00	2	100 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
181	Ortland.....	Port Burwell.....	54	4	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	27 87	7	100 75	June 24, '03	Good	Good	No	.....
183	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	69	6	6	5	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10 00	4	18 50	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	62	3	3	4	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	9 00	5	25 00	Jan. 12, '04	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	55	7	9	10	14	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	27 87	7	100 75	June 24, '03	Good	Good	No	.....
259	Thistle.....	Embro.....	18	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	10	10 00	4	18 50	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
279	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	9 00	5	25 00	Jan. 12, '04	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
281	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	41	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	12	9 00	5	25 00	Jan. 12, '04	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
359	Victoria.....	Victoria.....	41	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	12	9 00	5	25 00	Jan. 12, '04	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my report for Wellington District for the year ending the 30th of June, 1904, as follows:

Complying closely with the instructions received from the Grand Secretary, I shall observe the strictest brevity and shall avoid, to the best of my ability, verbiage and reference to unimportant details.

I wish at the outset to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by selecting me to the responsible and honorable position of D. D. G. M., and of the uniform courtesy and kindness shown me by the brethren throughout the District during my official term.

I visited each Lodge in the District once. In all instances I found the Lodges alive and at work, and it is gratifying to be able to report that in every Lodge except one substantial additions have been made during the year. The Lodges are officered for the most part by capable craftsmen, hence are seen that uniformity and efficiency so desirable in the grandest fraternal order in this or any other land. Younger men of the right stamp who are abreast of the times have been elected to office, and these, sustained and advised in many cases by the older brethren, are bringing the Lodges to a state of accuracy and proficiency that reflect no mean honor on the District.

My first official act was to issue a circular *re* contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and while the results looked for have not been attained, a very creditable beginning has been made, and I have every hope that my successor will prosecute successfully the worthy scheme inaugurated by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Believing that uniformity of work and the true fraternal spirit, two very important essentials in our Craft, can best be secured by bringing the brethren of several Lodges together, I concluded to hold several Lodges of Instruction in various parts of the District, and I obtained

the necessary talent to make these interesting and instructive, but the severe winter and the impassable roads in this section of the province proved insurmountable obstacles to my project. From this same cause my ordinary visits were accomplished with the greatest difficulty, and owing to lack of train service I failed to keep no fewer than ten appointments.

In November I did succeed in holding a Lodge of Instruction at Orangeville, and from the marked success attending that meeting I am convinced a D. D. G. M. can do no better work for the Order than to institute a scheme of one or more such Lodges in his District. Representatives were present from Elora, Guelph, Fergus, Berlin, Harriston, Arthur, Grand Valley, Shelburne, Hespeler, Galt, Preston, Orangeville and Toronto. Among the distinguished members of the fraternity present were His Hon. Judge Harding, the G. M., and the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Attorney General, P. G. M., R. W. Bros. Miller, Burns, McLaren and Irvine. Too much credit cannot be given to R. W. Bros. McLaren and Irvine and the other members of Harris Lodge, who loyally supported me, and who, in truth, initiated and carried out most successfully all the details. Mercer Lodge, Fergus, gave the first degree; Scott Lodge, Grand Valley, the second, and Harris Lodge, Orangeville, the third, and to use no exaggerated language, they did the work very impressively and to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Lodge officers, whose criticisms were of the most favorable character. All the Lodges taking part were, I know, benefited, as they must have given time and thought to the work to acquire the proficiency shown, and I have full confidence that all present returned to their homes inspired to do better work in their several Lodges.

A pleasing incident was the presentation of an address and a full regalia to D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Miller. It is not the custom in this District to give each D. D. G. M. a regalia. A suggestion, however, that it would be fitting to recognize in some tangible way R. W. Bro. Miller's worth and ability met with a general hearty response—seventeen out of twenty-one Lodges contributing. Galt, Alma and Preston, who know him best and who have profited by his knowledge and assistance, gave more than the amount apportioned to them, in consequence of which generosity I hold a balance which will be disposed of by the District Committee meeting.

At the conclusion of the work the visiting brethren were tendered a splendid banquet by Harris Lodge. I did not expect any such kindness or outlay on the part of the members of the Craft in Orangeville, and while they justly gained for themselves a reputation for hospitality which cannot be easily excelled, I fear their action may deter other Lodges less strong financially from undertaking to hold Lodges of Instruction if an entertainment is to be on such an elaborate scale as that at Orangeville. A Lodge of Instruction should not be made a burden to the local body, and I should like to insist on nothing more than a light lunch at such a gathering.

During the year I issued only three dispensations, all for the purpose of attending divine service, viz., to Prince Arthur Lodge, Arthur; Scott Lodge, Grand Valley, and Alma Lodge, Galt. I had the privilege of being present at Arthur when nearly one hundred members of the fraternity and an additional audience which filled the commodious Methodist Church, listened with interest to a splendid discourse from the Rev. Bro. Magwood, Chaplain of Prince Arthur Lodge. Although a comparatively new member of the Order he is an enthusiastic and well posted one, and his presentation of the underlying principles of Freemasonry was of profit to the members and must of necessity overcome the prejudices of the uninitiated who heard him, for there is no gainsaying the fact that ignorance of the fundamental tenets of the Craft, even in quarters where least expected, has been and is a cause of unfair criticism and opposition.

At the Galt church service the largest body of Masons ever seen together in the Manchester of Canada assembled. Rev. Bro. Knowles officiated.

CONDITION OF PREMISES.

Several of the Lodges have greatly improved their accommodation during the year, and I doubt whether any other District in the jurisdiction has, on the whole, more suitable and attractive Lodge rooms. Preston, Hespeler and Fergus have spent considerable amounts on improvements, while Grand Valley and Erin have new rooms and equipments throughout.

DEATHS.

Several deaths are reported, but in only two or three cases have even cards been sent to me, although I specially

requested every Lodge to furnish me with details concerning deceased brethren.

W. Bro. John Scott, Harris Lodge, Orangeville, died December 10th, 1903. W. Bro. Wm. Washburn, Grand River Lodge, died April 10th, 1904. Bro. Philip Clapp, Harriston Lodge, Harriston, died June 14th, 1904. W. Bro. Major Jamieson, Blair Lodge, Palmerston, died 29th June, 1904. On the 30th of March, returning from Ayr, I took part in the obsequies of Bro. Alfred E. Taylor, son of R. W. Bro. Alfred Taylor, P. D. D. G. M., Galt Lodge, Galt. Bro. Taylor, who had little more than attained the age of manhood, was very suddenly summoned to the Grand Lodge above after a brief illness of forty-eight hours. He was one of Galt's prominent young business men, and his loss will be felt in the community and in the Lodge room, but more especially will it be felt by his parents, to whom the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren is extended in their deep sorrow.

A reference to the statistical table at the end of the report will furnish evidence of fairly satisfactory progress in Wellington District.

Nearly all the Lodges have held their regular meetings; a very considerable number have convened emergent meetings, and the attendance on the whole has been gratifying.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, lost their premises and equipment by fire, and Preston Lodge, No. 297, was badly scorched; hence it was impossible for these Lodges to meet for a time.

Every Lodge except one shows initiations, the total number of new members being 141.

The total membership of the District is 1,557. •

Fifteen deaths are reported, but in only four instances have any details been given me.

The amount granted in benevolences (exclusive of the Semi-Centennial Fund) by Lodges in this District is \$622.75.

All the Lodges, with two exceptions, have substantial insurance on their furniture and effects.

VISITS.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I began my official visits at this point on November 19th. A short time ago I was a member of Irvine Lodge and know its membership and efficient management well. W. M. Bro. Arthurs

and the other officers conferred a degree very satisfactorily, in fact, under the supervision of R. W. Bro. Burns poor work is seldom seen in Irvine Lodge. They have very suitable premises. As regards collection of dues the Lodge is easily first in the District if not in the whole jurisdiction. When I inspected the books of Irvine Lodge there was only one member whose dues amounted to more than \$3.00. This satisfactory state of affairs is due solely to the tact and energy of the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Burns. The amount of outstanding dues in many Lodges is to be regretted, and some plan should be adopted to secure more prompt collections and thus to diminish the number of suspensions for nonpayment of dues. If all other Secretaries did this work as efficiently as does the Elora Secretary the suspensions from this cause would be few, if any.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: Visited this Lodge December 21st, a very stormy night. Detained at Harriston, where I was met by W. Bros. Lambert and Clapp and several other members of Harriston Lodge, who very kindly drove me to Clifford. Only a fair Lodge room. No work on night of visit, but I am pleased to know that several have been initiated since, and the Lodge is doing well. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by W. Bro. W. J. Huston, who is a capable officer. After adjournment the visiting brethren were entertained at supper.

Waverly Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: Visited this Lodge December 28th. The officers were installed by W. Bros. Law and Howie. The newly-installed officers conferred a first very creditably. This is a good Lodge, and under W. Bro. E. A. McDonald and his subordinate officers it is sure to continue prosperous. After adjournment we were hospitably entertained.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: Visited this Lodge on Past Masters' night, December 29th. P. M. V. W. Bro. C. Turnbull in the chair. A degree was well worked, Past Masters occupying the chairs. The indefatigable Secretary, R. W. Bro. A. J. Oliver, was pleasantly surprised by being made the recipient of a handsome and costly P. M. jewel. I enjoyed here one of the most pleasant functions I had ever the pleasure of attending in connection with Masonry. One hundred and fifty sat down to tables loaded with good things. A long toast list was honored. The excellent responses were varied by vocal and instru-

mental music. Alma Lodge knows how to entertain well. R. W. Bros. Miller, Lockhart and Taylor were present. This Lodge is in splendid working order, and the membership is rapidly increasing. They and Galt meet in the same room, and their premises are, all told, the most comfortable and commodious in the District. W. Bro. W. J. Taggart is the competent W. M.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: Visited on February 8th. Owing to the inclement weather and the blocking of the trains the candidates for advancement failed to reach Harriston. The opening and closing in the different degrees were properly done. This too is a good Lodge, and its affairs are safe under the management of W. M. E. W. Lambert and Secretary J. A. Copeland. In spite of the storm outside all was harmony within, the dainty eatables relished, and the very suitable addresses attentively listened to.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: Visited on February 9th. Degree work satisfactorily done. W. Bro. W. H. Conway, W. M., and the other officers reflect credit on the members who selected them. The old reliable R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney is still to the fore and seldom an absentee from the Lodge meetings. There are few, if any, more enthusiastic Masons in the province. He has been a power for good not only in Guelph Lodge, but also in the Royal City.

Preston Lodge, No. 291, Preston: Visited this Lodge March 25th, without giving notice, therefore found them holding their usual meeting. Among those present was P. D. D. G. M. Miller. There was a very good attendance and a candidate was initiated. W. Bro. Ziemann has a fine presence, a good voice, and does impressive work, and he is well seconded by the other officers. Its standing is satisfactory. The Lodge room was injured by fire, but has been finely renovated. Was hospitably entertained after the meeting.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: Visited this Lodge on March 29, with P. D. D. G. M. Miller, who very kindly accompanied me. I understand that for some time the Lodge was not very progressive, but under its present management it is doing, and will do, well. W. M. Dr. Lovett is young, energetic and capable, and those under him zealously support him. The first degree was impressively conferred. I am pleased to observe from the notice cards that the Lodge is adding to its members. The room

is attractive and cosy, and is the property of the Lodge.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: My visit here was paid on the 30th of March. The Master, who is a traveller, was unfortunately absent, but his chair was well filled by P. M. Bro. Shaw, who was ably aided by the other officers. The third degree was worked without a blunder, in fact, it was the best third conferred during my official visits. They have excellent material in all the chairs, and they have thoroughly developed it. Bro. Brewster's books are very well kept. This room also has been thoroughly renovated and is commodious and attractive.

The Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: My visit here was made on April 12th. They have perhaps the most costly furnished hall in the District; and better still, there was a large attendance and ample work, affording proof that Masonry is a live issue in Berlin and Waterloo. W. M., A. B. McBride worked a first and two seconds, and he displayed very little loss of energy at the conclusion of the strenuous work. As long as the members select officers like the present W. M. of Berlin the Order will be sure to flourish. A few of the subordinate officers require to give a little more attention to the floor work. The Lodge is doing well numerically and financially. In the fourth degree any visitor, and especially a D.D.G.M., may rest assured of a warm reception among those large hearted Germans and their associates.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: On April 26th I visited this Lodge. Through a visitation of the Grand Architect of the Universe, this Lodge has been deprived of the services of the W. M. P. M. Ireland officiated and a candidate was creditably initiated. This Lodge should do good work, as there is a supply of desirable material in the subordinate chairs. Their room does not compare favorably with most of the others in the District. They can, if they so desire, make it more attractive and comfortable. The equipment is by no means first-class. W. B. Bean is an energetic Secretary.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: Visited this Lodge April 27th. The Lodge and equipments are new and reflect credit upon the committee in charge. I feel safe in stating that no village in the entire jurisdiction has prettier or more comfortable quarters. The officers, too, are young men of the right stamp who, under the guidance of P. D. D. G. M. Hopkins, P. M. Preston, and other

experienced brethren like these are discharging their duties very commendably. While the books of nearly all the Lodges are satisfactorily kept, for neatness and accuracy of form I must give the palm to Bro. Wm. McIntyre, Secretary of Scott Lodge. The third degree was well worked by W. Bro. McGregor. V. W. Bro. Mann, W. M. Robinson and several others from Orangeville were present. A very pleasant social time was spent in the refreshment room. The usual toasts were proposed and suitably responded to. R. W. Bro. Hopkin's quartette rendered several vocal selections, one being an original composition. In it I am flatteringly referred to, and I hold the manuscript. The prospects of this Lodge are the brightest.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: Visited this Lodge April 29th, and a goodly number of brethren were present. I am more than pleased to testify to the encouraging state of affairs in St. Alban's. As Mount Forest was, twenty years ago, my place of residence, I experienced many acts of kindness at the hands of P. M. Jones, Bro. Rogers and others of the old brigade, several of whom were present at my official visit. W. Bro. Gardiner, one of Mount Forest's most enterprising business men, the faithful master, assisted by W. Bro. Ireland, worked a degree admirably. This is another of the handsome and well appointed rooms in this District. After adjournment a very pleasant hour was spent.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: R. W. Bro. Miller was again with me. Had a good meeting here on my visit on May 3rd. The Lodge, under W. Bro. Mitchell, is making gratifying progress. Two degrees were worked and a social gathering held afterwards. R. W. Bro. Cowan, P. M. Cameron and other veterans still take a lively interest in the Lodge, although very busy men in municipal and private life. The Lodge is prosperous.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: Visited my home Lodge May 6th, when large representations were present from Grand Valley and Guelph. In fact, the whole executive of Guelph Lodge was present and did the work of the evening admirably. They did even better work than when I visited Guelph Lodge, proving conclusively the benefit of these interchanges. After adjournment all enjoyed a good supper. Justice having been done to the various viands, capital addresses were delivered by R. W. Bro. Hopkins, R. W. Bro. Mahoney, W. Bro. Preston, W.

Bro. Conway and several others. W. Bro. T. Wansborough, W. M. of Mercer Lodge, who presided, is without doubt one of the best posted Masters in the District, and Mercer is doing well under him. He and his staff will shortly make a return visit to and confer a third degree in Guelph Lodge.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: Visited this Lodge on May 16th. Good attendance. W. Bro. G. A. Cambell does his work well. Two degrees conferred; progress is satisfactory. The Lodge room has been injured by water. W. H. Smith is a model Secretary.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: Although I visited this Lodge on Victoria Day (May 24), when other attractions usually lessen the attendance, I was agreeably surprised to find forty present, among them, as a matter of course, R. W. Bros. McLaren, Irvine and V. W. Bro. Mann. Here again they have young men of ability and promise in the chairs, and the work is of a highly admirable character. W. Bro. Robinson, the genial and energetic Master, handled no fewer than seven applications during the evening. No better evidence is required of the standing and progress of this Lodge. Their financial condition is first-class. Notwithstanding my peremptory order to hold no after entertainment a very sumptuous repast was provided, after which appropriate addresses were given. W. Bro. Jas. McGregor, W. M. of Grand Valley Lodge, was among the visitors. This Lodge heads the subscription list to Semi-Centennial Fund. In all things pertaining to the welfare of the Order, Harris is doing well. Give us more Bros. McLarens and Irvines.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: Visited on May 25th. Fair attendance; no work; election of officers. The Lodge was burned out a few months ago, and they are just getting settled in their new home, which they are equipping with no niggardly hand. They will have one of the most suitable Lodge rooms in the District. W. Bro. House, who has discharged the duties of Master very zealously, will be followed by an equally capable man in Bro. Skinner. W. Bro. Leitch, the Secretary, who for years has been untiring in the best interests of the Lodge, pressed his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted, but the Lodge has elected as successor W. Bro. D. Cambell, a brother eminently qualified to fill the position. The Lodge is in good standing financially and otherwise.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: Visited this Lodge

on the 3rd of June. Fair attendance; two degrees conferred. V. W. Bro. Hyndman presided officially. Bro. H. McEwing, the Secretary, is a very good officer. The Lodge is fairly prosperous, but being in a large railway centre I am of opinion that the membership should increase more rapidly, especially as their W. M., W. Bro. P. Marrion, is a railway man. Ample refreshments were supplied at the close of the meeting.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: Visited on the 7th of June. W. Bro. Wm. Bremner looks well to the East, and he is properly supported by a competent staff, one of whom, W. Bro. Wm. Parker, the veteran Secretary, deserves special mention. One degree was well worked. Speed has not made the progress that the other two Guelph Lodges have made, but they are in a fairly prosperous condition, and after a somewhat dormant period show encouraging signs of activity. Bro. Scoon, a Nestor of the Order, is nearly always present to guide and advise. Received a capital reception. Again enjoyed the company of R. W. Bro. Mahoney.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 336, Arthur: My final official visit took place here on the 21st of June. Fine Lodge room; good attendance; capable young officers. First degree very efficiently worked. Prospects of Lodge bright. Reception of D. D. G. M. very cordial. This ranks among the progressive Lodges of the District. W. Bro. Humphries, W. M., justly deserves credit for his able management.

Passing my eye along the list, I feel great pleasure in calling special attention to the Lodges in Orangeville, Grand Valley, Hespeler and Galt, these in every respect being in splendid working order. It is a source of unmitigated gratification to visit these Lodges, with their appropriate, well-appointed and suitably decorated Lodge rooms, to see the good work done therein, and experience the enthusiastic and truly Masonic spirit displayed by the officers, with whom vie, in kindness and brotherly greeting, the rank and file.

In conclusion I feel safe in predicting a continuance of the prosperity and harmony at present existing in the 7th Masonic District, and in yielding up my badge of office, I would express my thankfulness to the brethren as a whole for the kindly treatment meted out to me, and for the manner in which my humble efforts have been seconded during my term of office. I especially desire to acknow-

ledge the kindness of R. W. Bro.s McLaren, Irvine, Burns and Miller, whose advice and assistance have been invaluable.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. J. CRAIG, D.D.G.M.,
Wellington District, No. 7.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 8, during the year ending June 24th, 1904.

I would take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the brethren of the District for the honor conferred on me in my election to the position of D. D. G. M., and I also feel a particular pride in having my election carried by the unanimous vote of the District in the largest assembly ever held within the walls of Grand Lodge.

Immediately after my election I appointed W. Bro. W. F. McGiverin, of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, District Secretary, which position he has filled with great ability and to my entire satisfaction.

VISITS.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District once, and in some instances oftener, and I have in every instance been received in the most kindly and fraternal manner, and I have the best reasons for believing that these visits have been productive of much good, and that the work has been rendered more uniform by the advice and correction that has been given to the officers of some of the Lodges.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I issued dispensations for brethren to appear clothed as Masons and attend divine service, as follows: 1903—July 27, Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster; Sept. 16, Dufferin Lodge, No. 201, W. Flamboro; Sept. 24, Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove; Oct. 20, Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek; Oct. 27, Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas. 1904—May 31, Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville, and the necessary fees for same have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year:

Barton Lodge, No. 6.—1903—Bro. J. J. Beattie, April 17; Bro. Wm. Monk, December 24; W. Bro. Alex. McPherson, December 26; W. Bro. H. Munsie, December 29; 1904—Bro. J. H. Peatfield, January 12; Bro. Elias Vernon, M. D., February 7; Bro. J. H. W. Palm, May 8; Bro. J. N. Waddell, June 3rd.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27.—1903—Bro. W. B. Croy, July 6; Bro. Thos. Oliver, September 15; Bro. Jos. Smye, December 22. 1904—John Crerar, May 8; John Kenrick, May 24.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40.—1903—Bro. John Jackson, September 12. 1904—Bro. James Pickersgill, April 24; Bro. William Torrance, April 25; Bro. Richard Fuller, June 12.

Brant Lodge, No. 45.—1904—V. W. Bro. Reginald Henwood, M. D., May 22; Bro. Marcus Malcolm.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62.—1904—W. Bro. Bingle, March 11.

Doric Lodge, No. 121.—1904—V. W. Bro. Reginald Henwood, M. D., May 22 (reported also in Lodge 45); Bro. J. R. Aitchison, June 2.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165.—W. Bro. Wm. Richardson, M. D.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166.—1903—Bro. J. W. Patterson, November 23. 1904—Bro. John Davey, May 2.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291.—1904—W. Bro. John Ireland, March 4; Bro. John F. Kemp.

Temple Lodge, No. 324.—Bro. D. M. Oliver, Bro. H. V. Villiers, Bro. Geo. Roach, Bro. E. G. Kittson, M. D.

Doric Lodge, No. 382.—1904—Bro. Wm. Harper, March 26.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400.—1903—Bro. Chas. E. Culham, July 5.

V. W. Bro. Reginald Henwood was an honorary life member of Doric Lodge, No. 121, and was the last surviving charter member of the Lodge. W. Bro. Dr. Richardson was W. M. of Burlington Lodge, No. 165, in 1876 and 1877, and was Treasurer of the Lodge for a number of years. He was one of the most prominent citizens of Burlington and universally respected. The death of W. Bro. Alex. McPherson, of The Barton Lodge,

No. 6, was particularly sad. He was run over by a car of the street railway on 26th December last and almost instantly killed. He was one of our most prominent citizens, having been for many years one of the Trustees of the Public School Board and a past chairman. He was also most zealous in church work, being an elder of Knox Presbyterian Church and session clerk at the time of his death. He was a member of various Masonic bodies in the city, as also a number of fraternal societies. His death was deeply regretted.

"Life! we've been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,
Perhaps 'twill cause a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time:
Say not "Good night," but in some brighter clime
Bid me "Good morning."

REPORT OF LODGES.

Seymour Lodge, No. 165, Ancaster: I made my first official visit to this Lodge on October 6th, 1903. I was accompanied by the District Secretary and a number of Hamilton brethren. There was a very good attendance of members and visiting brethren. W. Bro. Wm. Hossack, the W. M., opened the Lodge in second and third degrees and closed in each degree in a very creditable manner. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. E. W. Wright, P. M., in a very careful manner. This Lodge is in good shape financially, and the prospects for the year are quite bright. The Secretary, W. Bro. G. Devey Farmer, looks well after its affairs. The brethren have a very cosy Lodge room, owned by themselves, and the banquet room in the lower part is exceedingly comfortable. The usual banquet followed, and a very humorous address was given by the Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Hodge.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge on Oct. 13, 1903. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, it being an occasion of unusual interest. The chairs were all filled by Past District Deputy Grand Masters, there being no less than fourteen brethren who had attained that high office present at this meeting. The third degree was exemplified by these distinguished brethren, and it need not be added in an almost

perfect manner. The Lodge, under the able guidance of W. Bro. J. W. Lamoreaux, is in first-class condition, and its prospects for the future are of the best character.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: Visited this Lodge on November 3rd, 1903. Large attendance, taxing the seating capacity of the Lodge room to the uttermost. W. Bro. Ryckman, assisted by W. Bro. Smith, P. M., conferred the first degree in a very intelligent manner, the candidate being a clergyman of the locality. The banquet afterwards was most enjoyable, and was enhanced greatly by the presence of the daughters and wives of the members, who waited on the guests most faithfully.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: Visited this Lodge November 4th, 1903. Large attendance of members and visitors. One of the largest meetings ever held in the Lodge room. Second degree conferred by W. Bro. Bush, assisted by W. Bro. Dr. Mallock, P. M., in a fairly good manner. I gave some instructions in reference to a number of discrepancies which I observed during my visit, and which I think will have a good effect. The Lodge is in very good shape financially, and the prospects are bright for the future. The usual entertainment followed, and the pleasure was greatly enhanced by the singing of the brethren from Stoney Creek and speeches by W. Bro. F. M. Carpenter, of Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, and others.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, W. Flamboro: Visited this Lodge November 20th, 1903. Very large attendance, and as the room is small the number present crowded the space usually reserved for floor work. The candidate, who was to have received the second degree, not being able to attend through illness, I asked for a substitute, and the degree was conferred by W. Bro. Joseph C. Sharpe and his officers in an excellent manner. I also required the Lodge opened in the third degree and closed down in the several degrees, which was done to my satisfaction. The Lodge is in first-class condition financially.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: Visited this Lodge November 30th, 1903. This is one of the best Lodges in Hamilton District. The attendance at this meeting was over 100. The Lodge room is a model of neatness and comfort, and is furnished in a most sumptuous manner. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Geo. Spera and his officers in an almost faultless manner, and the J. W.'s lecture was particularly well

rendered by Bro. Geo. Stewart. I had the honor of presiding at the election of officers, and am certain the brethren made no mistake in their selections for the coming year. I would also congratulate the Lodge on having prevailed upon W. Bro. W. H. Dewar to retain his post as Secretary, which he so ably fills. The books are in the best condition, and the finances are all that can be desired. Altogether Wentworth Lodge is a good example for other Lodges in the District to imitate.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: Visited this Lodge December 2, 1903. Very large attendance at this meeting. W. Bro. Hicks, assisted by his officers, conferred the first degree in a most impressive manner; afterwards the election of officers took place, at which I had the honor to preside. This is one of our model Lodges in the District, and the brethren are most progressive and painstaking. The finances are in excellent shape. During the year the Lodge lost by death one of its oldest and most esteemed members, W. Bro. Dr. Wm. Richardson, who was for many years its Treasurer.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge on December 11, 1903. This is one of the Lodges that it is almost unnecessary to make any extended report upon. W. Bro. Alton has proved a most capable and efficient Master, and the Lodge is progressing yearly. In this Lodge they have adopted a benevolent plan, which is most praiseworthy. Every meeting night a collection is taken up, and under the skilful management of R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden is distributed to worthy cases of distress, whether relatives of deceased brethren or not. Much good has been accomplished by this system, and it is worthy of imitation by every Lodge in the jurisdiction. The affairs of the Lodge are in the most prosperous condition. The election of officers took place, at which I presided, and the election passed off most harmoniously. The Lodge has a membership of over 300.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge December 17th, 1903. This is the banner Lodge of the District, having a membership close to 400. There was an exceedingly large attendance at this meeting, which was the occasion of the annual election of officers, at which I was requested to preside. I need hardly state that everything was found in the best shape by my District Secretary, as V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister is renowned, not only in the Hamilton District, but through-

out the jurisdiction, as a model Secretary. The Lodge has had a very prosperous year, and its prospects under the newly elected officers are of the brightest.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge December 18, 1903. This being my mother Lodge, I felt a peculiar degree of pride in visiting it in my official capacity as D. D. G. M. This was a night of presentations. The Lodges of the District, through W. Bro. Fred. Walter, very kindly presented me with a magnificent D. D. G. M's regalia, and I shall never forget the very flattering remarks made by the spokesman on that occasion. I was also agreeably surprised by the brethren of my Lodge, through W. Bro. F. J. Howell, making me a presentation of a handsome toilet set. Past Masters' jewels were also presented to W. Bro. W. F. McGiverin, R. W. Bro. T. M. Lester and W. Bro. P. D. Carse on this occasion, and Bro. Charles Herald, who has so ably filled the post of organist of the Lodge for some years, was presented by the Lodge with two volumes of M. W. Bro. Robertson's "History of Masonry," and also a French china salad set, W. Bro. C. W. Breckenridge making the address. The election of officers took place, at which I had the honor to preside, and passed off in the most happy manner. Bro. Alex. Turner, who has been Treasurer of the Lodge for forty years, retired this year, and the brethren acknowledged his services by making him a handsome presentation. The Lodge is in the very best condition in all respects, and has a staff of officers excelled by none. The Lodge has the honor of having made the largest increase in membership, having had the largest average attendance of members, the second largest amount paid for benevolence, and the smallest amount of arrearages in proportion to membership in the District. W. Bro. W. C. Morton, the Secretary, is the right man in the right place.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Visited this Lodge February 9th, 1904. The second degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. W. H. Squire, assisted by Past Masters of this Lodge and Doric Lodge, who were present. The ceremony was conducted in the most impressive manner. This Lodge has a large benevolent fund of its own, amounting at this date to \$171. The books, under the careful management of R. W. Bro. S. F. Passmore, are kept in the most methodical manner. The Lodge rooms are particularly handsomely furnished, and have every modern appliance for comfort, and the

banquet room in the same building is very well adapted for the convenience of social gatherings.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: Visited this Lodge February 24, 1904. Owing to various circumstances the attendance was very small. This Lodge does not seem to progress as it should. The membership at this date is exactly the same as in December, 1902, viz., 49, and there seems to be a very apathetic spirit among the members. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Markineau, assisted by V. W. Bro. J. Old in a fairly creditable manner. I spoke to the members earnestly and gave them words of advice and encouragement, which I hope will bear fruit in the future. The finances are first-class, there being a fair balance in Treasurer's hands and no liabilities.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: Visited this Lodge March 1, 1904. On account of the snow blockade on railway I was late in arriving, and the first degree had been conferred, but from my personal knowledge of the brethren of this Lodge I have no doubt but that it was accurately exemplified. This is a vigorous and active Lodge, and their room is very nicely and comfortably furnished. The books and finances were found in the usual first-class condition, as Bro. C. A. Bradbury, the Secretary, is noted for his careful and methodical habits. W. Bro. John A. Riggs, the Master, presided at the banquet which followed at the Murray House, in his usual happy manner.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: Visited this Lodge March 14, 1904. There was a good attendance of members at meeting. W. Bro. Leeson and his officers exemplified the first degree and afterwards opened and closed in the other degrees in a most satisfactory manner. The Lodge, from some cause or another, does not seem to progress as it should in a town of the size of Dundas, the gain for the year being only 3. There seems to be a lack of unanimity among the members, which is to be regretted. The books are very carefully kept by R. W. Bro. Latshaw, the efficient Secretary, and the finances are in a good shape.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: Visited this Lodge March 25, 1904. This is a most progressive Lodge, and the attendance at this meeting was the largest for years. Visitors were present from Toronto, Brampton, Acton and other points. The third degree was ex-

emplified by W. Bro. J. B. McLeod, assisted by W. Bros. Findlay and Harley, in as perfect a manner as could possibly be expected. This Lodge has spent over \$300.00 in refurnishing their rooms, and they certainly are a credit to the members. The finances are in excellent shape, and Bro. T. R. Earney looks after the secretarial work carefully and well. The banquet which followed was the most brilliant and enjoyable I have ever attended, the speeches and songs being far beyond the average at such gatherings. The brethren of Credit Lodge are bright, intelligent gentlemen, and the Lodge is bound to take a foremost place in the near future. I answered a number of questions in regard to Masonic work and procedure which were asked by several of the brethren.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: Visited this Lodge April 25, 1904. Very good attendance. Second degree conferred by W. Bro. Henderson and officers in excellent style. The Lodge is in very good shape in every respect, and special mention can be made of the very clean and correct style in which W. Bro. Stork, the Secretary, keeps the books of his office. The cash in Treasurer's hands at this date is \$200, with no liabilities. The only fault which can possibly be found is in the approach to the Lodge room, which could very well be improved without incurring a large expenditure.

St. George's Lodge, No. 243, St. George: Visited this Lodge April 28, 1904. First degree was conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Robinson and his officers in a most efficient manner. Owing to the wet night the attendance of visitors was not as large as was expected, but the members turned out in strong numbers. The Lodge is in excellent shape financially and otherwise. Up to this date they have had 7 initiations, 5 passings and 5 raisings. The officers appear to be active and intelligent brethren, and the outlook for the coming year is bright.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: Visited this Lodge May 20th, 1904. One of the largest meetings I have attended, there being present 85 members and 30 visitors. Instead of exemplifying degrees, the W. M. called up brethren and had them examined in their knowledge of the several degrees. These brethren were called up indiscriminately and without any previous notice, and each one was thoroughly well up in the ritual. The lectures by the J. W. and S. W. in the first and second degrees were particularly well delivered. W. Bro. McCormack

is to be congratulated on his staff of officers. The report of the Secretary shows the Lodge to be in first-class condition. The initiations since December last amounted to 16. At a banquet which followed, the reply of W. Bro. Dr. Secord to the sentiment, "Masonry as an Educator," was the gem of the evening.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: Visited this Lodge May 26, 1904. W. Bro. McDougall, assisted by his officers, conferred the first degree in a very superior manner. This Lodge is progressing very satisfactorily, there being an increase in the membership during the year of 11. The one drawback I noticed was in the large amount of arrearages due by members, and I called the attention of the officers to this matter and suggested a re-arrangement of the by-laws to have this defect remedied. I was particularly pleased to have the privilege of meeting W. Bro. Downing, a Past Master of the Lodge, who, notwithstanding his advanced age of 87 years, still takes a lively interest in the Lodge and rarely misses a Lodge meeting. At the banquet which followed W. Bro. Coates gave some interesting recollections of the early days of St. Clair Lodge.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge June 3rd, 1904. This being the annual meeting for the Lodge to elect officers for the ensuing year, I had the honor to preside at this function. This is the oldest Lodge in the District, and they have the great honor of having the records of its proceedings since the formation in 1795. They have a set of officers jewels in solid gold on which they carry a separate insurance of \$300. The Lodge is in the very best shape financially, having a cash balance on hand of \$500 and a membership of 336. The Lodge lost by the hand of death this year several members, amongst whom was a highly esteemed and beloved brother, W. Bro. Alex. McPherson, who was cut off at a moment's notice through an accident on the street railway.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: Visited this Lodge June 20, 1904. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors present: number of members present 81. This being the date of the annual election of officers, there was no work performed. The election, at which I was asked to preside, passed off harmoniously, and the newly elected brethren are capable and efficient, and will no doubt keep up the good reputation of the Lodge. The Lodge, although the youngest of the city Lodges, has now a membership of 222, having initiated 19 during the year,

and the average attendance of members has been 49. The assets are \$2,200, and no liabilities. This is a splendid record, and shows great zeal on the part of W. Bro. McClemon and his officers during the year.

DIVINE SERVICE.

A large proportion of the Lodges in the District attended divine service during the year, and I strongly recommend that each Lodge should at least once a year attend to that important duty, and to quote the words of the Chairman of the Board on the Condition of Masonry in last year's report, "I hope that this practical evidence of the tie that binds Masonry to the praise and worship of God may be even more abundantly in evidence next year."

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

In relation to this important matter, which was brought before the Masonic bodies by the Grand Master in his address to the Grand Lodge last year, I may say that on the occasion of each of my visits to the Lodges in this District I have urged upon the brethren their duty and their privilege in being asked to contribute to such a worthy object. In the great majority of the Lodges they have responded cheerfully, have appointed committees and collected subscriptions from the members. I regret that some of the Lodges have taken no action as yet, but I believe that when the date of the celebration arrives the Hamilton District will be found to have contributed their quota on the lines suggested by the Grand Master.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my report to the M. W. the Grand Lodge I cannot refrain from alluding to one most important subject which has been brought to my notice during my visits to the Lodges in this District. It is the absence of music in the Lodges outside the city of Hamilton. Every one will admit that music is a great factor in any ceremony, and I found that particularly when visiting many country Lodges. The want of it is a great drawback to the attendance at meetings, and I would strongly urge upon the officers of Lodges to pay particular attention to this matter. It will encourage attendance of members, make meetings more interesting, and prove a boon to any Lodge that will introduce it into its ceremonies and encourage it at any of its social gatherings. I must also take this

opportunity of returning my thanks to a large number of Hamilton brethren who have accompanied me on my visits to the various Lodges, but more especially are my thanks and gratitude due to R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden, who, at much inconvenience and expense to himself, was good enough to be my strong support on the large majority of my visits outside the city of Hamilton.

I submit herewith tabulated statistics of the Lodges under my jurisdiction. The increase in membership has been 201; the deaths 47. The average attendance of members has increased from 605 to 683. The amount paid for relief has increased \$509, and the arrearages due by members has decreased from \$2,509 to \$2,277. These figures speak for themselves and show the prosperity and progress of Hamilton District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. A. HUTCHISON, D.D.G.M.,

Hamilton District, No. 8.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report upon the condition of Masonry in the 9th Masonic District for the years 1903 and 1904.

I desire to sincerely express my thanks to the brethren for the honor conferred upon me, and the officers and members of all the Lodges whom I have had the pleasure of visiting for the universal kindness and courtesy shown me during the year.

My first official step was the appointment of Bro. R. F. White, of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford, District Secretary, and the Rev. T. H. Brown, of the same Lodge, District Chaplain.

It was with some feeling of trepidation I entered upon my duties as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, but knowing that the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart should be love, and that it is the brightest star of the principles upon which it is founded, those feelings disappeared, as the brethren throughout the District were truly loyal. It is not my intention to enter into any lengthy report of the different Lodges, but to tell you in as few words as possible the condition of Masonry in the District.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: My first official visit was made to this Lodge on the 5th of November, 1903. The Lodge assembled at the usual hour, 8 o'clock, W. Bro. Breed in the chair. Attendance was very large. Brethren from Midland, Elmvale and Barrie were present, with whom it was my pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. Morgan and R. W. Bro. Raiks. The first degree was conferred in a skilful manner, every officer taking his own work. Dues are well paid up and the Lodge is paying the \$1.00 per member to the Semi-Centennial Fund. The Lodge is prospering financially and otherwise. An excellent banquet closed a pleasant evening.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: It was my pleasure to visit this Lodge on November 20th, 1903, where I was greeted by R. W. Bro. Morgan, R. W. Bro. Cowan, R. W. Bro. Monkman and R. W. Bro. Fletcher. There being two Lodges located in Barrie, the attendance was very large. I was most cordially received by all the brethren. The first degree was conferred in every way with skill and ability. Books are in splendid condition, dues well paid up, and a neat well equipped Lodge room. The brethren were particularly active in performing their several parts in the fourth degree.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: This Lodge owns its own Lodge room, and was visited on December 2nd, 1903. I was hospitably received and entertained at the beautiful home of W. Bro. Hutchinson. The second degree was conferred upon a very bright candidate with skill and precision. The attendance is good. Dues well paid up and the Lodge in a flourishing condition. A splendid banquet brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: I travelled through one of the worst snow storms last winter to visit this Lodge on February 3rd, 1904. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Henry, every officer doing their parts well. The dues are fairly well paid up, and the Lodge is in every way in a flourishing condition.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen sound: This Lodge was also visited on the 3rd February, 1904. The two Lodges being located in Owen Sound, the attendance was very large. This Lodge is also in a flourishing condition, dues well paid up, and finances in a healthy condition. These two Lodges work very harmoniously together, each having a number of distinguished members and Past Masters. A joint banquet brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

On February 19th, 1904, it was my pleasure, as the representative of our esteemed Grand Master, to organize Coronation Lodge at Elmvale. Visiting brethren from Midland and Penetang were present, assisting me in the organization. They have a very comfortable well equipped Lodge room, making splendid progress, as the statistical report will show.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland: On March 14th, 1904, this Lodge was dedicated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by the officers and members of

Grand Lodge. Brethren from Barrie, Orillia, Penetanguishene and Elmvale were also present. I had the honor of acting as and performing the duties of Deputy Grand Master. The dedication ceremonies were very impressive. It was also the occasion of my official visit. R. W. Bro. Morgan presented the Lodge with a beautiful book mark designed by himself. The Lodge is in a very flourishing condition. The officers are well skilled and the prospects are very bright. After the ceremonies a splendid banquet was given in the large refreshment room adjoining the Lodge room which brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, was visited on March 29th, 1904. They have a neat room, nicely furnished and well equipped. The second degree was conferred in an able manner, all the officers being well up in their work. Some of the brethren from my mother Lodge, Rising Sun, No. 129, were present. Dues are well paid up; good attendance. The charter of this Lodge is a rare relic, having passed through two or three fires, some of the brethren risking their lives to save it. Banquet at the close was enjoyed by all.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: This Lodge is situated about seven miles from Barrie, which I visited March 30th, 1904. They have a good average attendance. Dues are well paid up, and Lodge room nicely furnished and well equipped. The officers are all young men. They have 41 members on the roll and applications coming in. They conferred the second degree on two candidates in splendid form. R. W. Bro. Cown, W. Bro. Irwin and other brethren from Barrie were present, as also was Bro. Sissions, the J. W. of Manitoba Lodge. A splendid banquet, prepared by a caterer from Barrie, closed an enjoyable evening.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown, was visited April 5th, 1904. The first degree was conferred in an able manner by W. Bro. MacKap and the other officers of the Lodge. They have a nicely furnished Lodge room, which has been refitted and furnished. The attendance is good, and dues well paid up and prospects very bright. Visiting brethren from the surrounding Lodges were present and enjoyed the hospitality of Manitoba Lodge at a splendid banquet.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: This Lodge was visited on April 6th, 1904. They have a splendid Lodge

room, large, commodious, nicely furnished and well equipped, owned by the Lodge, which is in a very flourishing condition. The second degree was conferred on two different candidates in a very creditable manner. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Toner and R. W. Bro. Aylsworth. The attendance was very large, the dues well paid up, and prospects the very best. I was hospitably entertained at the beautiful home of W. Bro. Nettleton. Speeches, recitations and singing at the banquet closed an enjoyable evening.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: I paid my official visit to this Lodge April 7th, 1904. Barrie being the home of Kerr Lodge, the attendance was large. It was also my pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. Monkman, R. W. Bro. Fletcher, R. W. Bro. Cowan and R. W. Bro. Morgan. The first degree, and also the second, were conferred in an able manner, the officers being well skilled in the work. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautifully framed address and a purse of gold to W. Bro. Alexander Boyd McPhee. W. Bro. McPhee is very highly esteemed by the brethren, and he is probably the oldest Past Master in the District. The report upon the amalgamation with Kerr Lodge was received, also the Auditors' report and recommendations. The dues are well paid up, books in good condition and carefully kept. Many visiting brethren were present, all enjoying the splendid banquet at the close.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited this Lodge April 25th. The third degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The Worshipful Master being absent from home for some weeks, W. Bro. Crofa officiated. They have their dues well paid up, books in splendid shape, nicely furnished Lodge room, with large dining-room attached. Many visiting brethren were present and enjoyed the hospitality of Spry Lodge at the banquet table.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner, was visited April 26th, 1904. The first degree was conferred upon two different candidates in an able manner. The officers are well skilled in the work, and they have a well furnished Lodge room. Dues are fairly well paid up, with a good average attendance. This Lodge has been struggling in the past, and I am much pleased to state that the prospects are very much brighter. All did their parts well in the fourth, which closed an enjoyable evening.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: On April the 29th, 1904, I visited this Lodge. W. Bro. Irwin and other brethren from Barrie, W. Bro. Wright and others from Penetang were present. The first degree was conferred in an excellent manner. The attendance was very large. They have a splendid Lodge room, nicely furnished and well equipped, with a large dining hall attached. The books are well kept, dues well paid up, and is in every way in a most flourishing condition. A splendid musical program and banquet brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: I visited May 24th, 1904. The first degree was conferred in a manner demonstrating skill in the work. Good attendance. Books in splendid shape and dues well paid up. They have a comfortably furnished and well equipped Lodge room. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and I had pleasure in meeting R. W. Bro. Pye and R. W. Bro. Kent, members of Beaver Lodge. They are all experts in working the fourth degree, which was demonstrated at the close.

Nitetic Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: It was my pleasure to visit this Lodge May 31st, 1904. The first degree was exemplified in an excellent manner. The officers are well skilled, attendance good, dues well paid up, books in good shape. The Lodge room has become too small, and they are moving to larger quarters. Visiting brethren from Stayner and other neighboring Lodges were present. A splendid banquet at the close.

June 10th, 1904, I organized Tottenham Lodge under very favorable circumstances. They have a large, commodious, well furnished Lodge room. Brethren from Simcoe, Seven Star and Spry Lodges, as well as brethren from Schomberg and Bolton were present. The officers are well skilled in the work, and will look well after the interests of Masonry and their Lodge.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 335, Flesherton; Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk, and Lorne Lodge, No. 277, Shelburne. I was unable to visit these Lodges owing largely to the severe storms through the winter, but from my own knowledge and reports which I have received, these Lodges are flourishing. The statistical reports show them in a good financial condition.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: I visited June 24th, 1904. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Clark and his officers in an able manner. The attendance

was larger than usual, probably because I am a member of this Lodge, but as you will see by the statistical report the attendance is always large. Dues are well paid up and financial condition good. They have a beautiful room, which has been recently enlarged and refurnished.

Victoria Harbor Lodge, working under dispensation. Victoria Harbor was organized by myself, assisted by W. Bro. Fraleigh and the brethren from Caledonia Lodge, Midland, on July 7th, 1904, under the most favorable circumstances. Ten applications were received and referred to the committee. Their room is nearly 42 feet by 18 feet, with large ante and preparation room, beautifully furnished and fully equipped. During the afternoon I was entertained by Dr. MacRobbie with a most enjoyable trip around the bay in his gasoline launch. There is no doubt of the prosperity of this Lodge.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren who have so kindly assisted me in the discharge of my duties. I keenly appreciate the honor which my brethren conferred upon me, and I have refrained criticising any Lodge or its members because I do not believe this the proper place to report on what is generally caused by nervousness owing to the presence of the D. D. G. M. It is the Worshipful Master's duty to open his Lodge and employ and instruct the brethren in Masonry, and any criticism I had to offer was quietly and privately given to him.

The Lodges which it has been my pleasure to visit, as well as the Lodges I have had the honor to organize, are all performing the duties devolving upon them, and the officers are conferring the degrees with skill and are imbued with a determination to maintain and uphold the ancient usages and established customs of the Order. I have been most cordially received and hospitably entertained, and in laying down the gavel of this very large District I cannot forget the many pleasant hours spent with my brethren in the different Lodges, satisfied that I leave to my successor a District numerically and financially prosperous.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. D. HAMILL, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership.			Degree's conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
						Total.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Regular.	Emergent.							Total.	Regular.	Emergent.										
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88	St. George's	Owen Sound.....	143	17	1	16	13	7	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	15	9	25	\$50 00	20	\$300 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	\$600 00	
885	Beeton	Beeton	60	4	1	4	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	21	15 00	.....	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
236	Manitoba.	Cooktown	50	7	1	4	13	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	5	17	17	.....	Jan., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		
444	Natets	Creemore	46	9	11	7	11	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	15	16	15	.....	June 30, '03	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
330	Seven Star.	Alliston	63	8	3	10	7	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	3	20	12	102 00	June, 1903	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00			
333	Dr. Arthur.	Fleasherton	53	4	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	14	72 00	June, 1903	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00			
230	Kerr.....	Barrie	103	4	7	6	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	14	8	104 40	June 24, '03	Good	Good	No	150 00		
96	Corinthian	Barrie	106	1	6	6	9	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	1	12	32	36 00	43	109 25	June 26, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00	
26	N. P. m. l. t.	Staxner	20	2	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	9	12	3	15 00	June, 1903	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00		
804	Minerva.....	Stroud	45	16	15	14	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	12	6 00	.....	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	67	2	2	2	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	19	20 00	.....	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
249	Caledonian	Midland	123	13	1	14	11	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	7	17	32	70 00	.....	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	28	8	2	9	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	16	12	1	3 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	250 00		
337	Pythagoras	Meaford	94	9	3	8	10	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	3	14	35	55 00	.....	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
192	Orillia	Orillia	135	17	3	12	9	6	5	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	3	47	27	10 00	23	180 00	Dec. 31, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
96	Monito	Collingwood	155	6	7	11	11	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	11	5	17	32	133 00	27	166 95	Dec. 26, '03	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
222	North Star.	Owen Sound	128	9	10	11	13	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	14	1	25	32	25 00	29	119 50	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
448	Georgian	Pen tanguish n	44	4	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	1	9	5	14	13	24 00	.....	Dec., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
77	Lorne	Shelburne	62	6	3	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	20	5 00	.....	Dec. 29, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
79	Bradford	Bradford	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	9	16	.....	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
UD	Coronation	Ethvale	26	13	13	13	5	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	9	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
UD	Tottenham	Tottenham	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	9	16	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
UD	Victoria	Victoria Harb.	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	9	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting the report upon the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District.

As a preliminary I desire to express my gratitude to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his very kind sympathy and assistance. I am also under obligations to R. W. Bros. W. J. Drope, J. C. Bartle and R. G. W. Conolly for their assistance in relieving me of duties which circumstances prevented me from giving my personal attention. I further thank the brethren of the District for the high honor conferred in electing me as a deputy of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

During my tour of inspections I was most cordially and kindly received by the various Lodges, and was deeply impressed with the harmony and good will which prevailed throughout the whole District. A general respect for Masonry and a desire on the part of the brethren to attain to that nobler and higher ideal inculcated by the teachings of the Craft was everywhere felt and manifested in coming in contact with the brethren of the different Lodges.

There has been considerable growth in membership throughout the District during the past year. I do not, however, lay the slightest stress upon growth in numbers. I am under the impression that insufficient care is taken by committees on applications to thoroughly discover the qualifications of applicants, and that favorable reports are too frequently submitted by these committees in the belief that any direlection of duty on their part will be rectified by the ballot. As a result unworthy candidates may thereby enter the portals of Masonry. I would caution the various Lodges to exercise vigilance and discretion in the matter.

DISPENSATIONS.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, to attend divine service June 19; St. Mark's Lodge, No. 115, to attend divine service December 27; St. Mark's Lodge, No. 115, to install December 29; Merritt Lodge, No. 168, to attend divine service December 27; Mountain Lodge, No. 221, to attend divine service December 27; King Solomon's Lodge, No. 399, to attend divine service December 27; Copestone Lodge, No. 373, to attend divine service December 27; Copestone Lodge, No. 373, to attend divine service June 26.

PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE.

On May 12, 1904, I received a petition for a new Lodge to be located at Chippewa, and have been waited upon by a committee delegated by the petitioners.

I have recommended to the Grand Lodge that no charter be granted, for the following reasons:

1. That the village of Chippewa does not possess sufficient members as yet to support and maintain a Masonic Lodge.

2. Its proximity to Niagara Falls, where two Lodges are already established.

3. Insufficient monies guaranteed to establish and maintain a Masonic Lodge in such a manner as would be approved by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bro. J. Dressel, Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake; W. Bros. F. W. Macdonald and J. L. Ranney, St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines; R. W. Bro. John Parry, Bros. Thos. Turner, Robt. Francis Lattimore, Lockie Scott, Wm. Hutchinson, Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville; Bro. Thos. Morton, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 193, St. Catharines; W. Bro. McGarry, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls; W. Bro. Robt. Gillis, Bros. J. C. McRae, Kaleb Doan, W. Bro. A. K. Scholfield, of Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne; W. Bro. W. Clark, Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York; Bros. Jas. Walker, Wm. Aitchison, Wm. T. Fish, Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold; Bro. David Hill, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis; Bro. Chas. A. E. W. Clark, Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland; Bro. P. W. Anthony, Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara: I paid an

official visit to this Lodge on March 30th, and am pleased to note that its membership is composed of most enthusiastic Masons. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first and third degrees, the first degree being exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Brown, assisted by a fine lot of officers, who are capable of conferring the degrees most impressively. The third degree was conferred by the Past Masters, to whom great credit is due for the dignified manner in which they carried out the work. Those conferring this most impressive degree were W. Bros. J. Knox, S. Campbell, W. E. Lyall, J. G. Bottomley and F. J. Best. After the work of the evening we adjourned to the banquet room, where short addresses of an instructive nature were delivered. This Lodge is to be highly complimented on the neat appearance of its rooms, which have been beautifully decorated at considerable cost.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: This Lodge was officially visited by R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, who reports as follows: Visited this Lodge at the regular meeting on June 24th and installed the newly elected officers. A candidate was initiated in a faultless manner. W. Bro. Farrell, the newly elected Master, is an enthusiastic Mason, and with his able staff of officers should have a successful year. The Lodge has made good progress during the past year under W. Bro. Randall. The financial condition of this Lodge is improving and the dues are fairly well paid. W. Bro. Phipps is an efficient Secretary.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: This Lodge was officially visited by R. W. Bro. R. G. W. Connolly on June 24th, who reports the Lodge in first-class condition. On this night there was work in the third degree, which was well executed by the newly elected officers. The financial condition of the Lodge is very good, with assets amounting to about \$525.00, and liabilities \$80. The outstanding dues are entirely too large, and I would recommend that an effort be made to reduce them.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville: I visited this Lodge at an emergent meeting on January 20th. The work of the evening was to have been the conferring of the third degree, but owing to the severity of the weather the candidate was unable to be present. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner creditable to its officers. This Lodge has increased in numbers during the past year and is in a healthy condition. Much

credit is due to the W. M., W. Bro. Scholfield, for the energy he displays in the interests of Masonry.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: I visited this Lodge on January 30th. There was a good attendance of the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren from Amity Lodge, Dunnville. There being no work, the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees faultlessly by the newly installed officers. There is evidence of thoroughness from the accuracy with which each and every officer performs his part. P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. A. Hoshel was present. After the close of Lodge a banquet was held which is worthy of comment on account of its moral and intellectual tone. Several addresses were delivered of a very high order upon the history of Masonry and the working of the Craft.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: This Lodge was officially visited by R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, who reports as follows: Visited this Lodge on January 30th. This is the banner Lodge of the District. So many candidates have been initiated during the year that many emergent meetings have been held. On the evening of my visit seven candidates were balloted for. The third degree was also conferred by W. Bro. Potter, assisted by W. Bros. Leubsdorf and Marquis. The rendering of the work by the two Past Masters was excellent. The amount of dues outstanding in this Lodge is too large.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls: I visited this Lodge on January 7. There being no work, I requested the W. M. to open the Lodge in the three degrees. There was every evidence that the officers were capable of doing good work, but owing to a protracted illness of the W. M. he had not as yet made himself familiar with the work. The Lodge is thoroughly equipped and possesses many ancient relics. The members are very enthusiastic. On this occasion there were many visitors from New York State, as well as brethren from sister Lodges in this District. A carefully prepared paper was read by the Master-elect of Clifton Lodge, Bro. F. W. Griffith, on the history of Masonry.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: Visited by R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope on January 21st. There was a good attendance, and on looking over the register I found that the attendance at all the meetings during the year has been excellent. The sublime degree of a Master Mason was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Prudholme, as-

sisted by W. Bros. Wood and Myer. The work was well done. At this meeting a resolution was passed guaranteeing the Semi-Centennial Fund. This Lodge has made good progress during the year. There is a decided improvement in the payment of outstanding dues, and a large increase has been made in the membership. W. Bro. Myer is a tower of strength to his Lodge.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: I paid my official visit to this Lodge at the regular meeting on January 27th. There was a large attendance, including visitors from Dufferin, Copestone and Macnab Lodges. The work in the first degree was accurately and impressively conferred by W. Bro. H. E. Dawdy and his efficient officers. The charge was given by W. Bro. Hill, orally, in a creditable manner. R. W. Bro. Crow also did credit to himself in presenting the working tools. During the past year this Lodge has added many new members, and the prospects for the future are very bright.

Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: I visited this, my mother Lodge, on Jan. 20th. I had arranged for a previous visit, but through some misunderstanding my intended visit was omitted from the summons, and I found it necessary to arrange a second date. The work on this occasion was the conferring of the third degree. W. Bro. Mathews is a painstaking W. M., and performed his duties in such a manner as to show his thorough acquaintance with the work. The junior officers did their work fairly well, and from my personal knowledge of their ability might say that with very few rehearsals this Lodge would be second to none in the District, as each installed officer is of the proper material to make a successful Lodge. The regular officers receive very little support from the Past Masters, two or three of whom are at all times ready and willing to assist.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: This Lodge has not been visited officially, as I have been unable to arrange a meeting.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on January 22nd. My reception was most cordial, and the members turned out in large numbers, most of whom are enthusiastic Masons. There was work in the first degree, which was performed in such a manner as should make a lasting impression upon the candidate. W. Bro. Shrener and his junior officers are to be highly complimented. The Past Masters of this

Lodge give splendid assistance to the regular officers. W. Bros. Bald, Munro and Hoover assisted in the work, and are deserving of the highest praise. Of the Lodges of the District visited by me I consider this the foremost.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls: This Lodge was officially visited by R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartle on January 24th, who installed the newly elected officers, and was ably assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge. Owing to the length of the ceremony no work was undertaken, but the new officers closed the Lodge in an acceptable manner. Much interest is taken by the brethren, as during the past year this Lodge has enjoyed the greatest prosperity in its history under the able guidance of the late W. M., W. Bro. Warren. Besides thirteen regular, it required fourteen emergent meetings to confer degrees, owing to the great number of candidates presenting themselves. The finances are in a flourishing condition, the balance being \$400.00 over expenditures. The present year is also full of promise owing to the number of applications for membership.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: My official visit was paid to this Lodge on January 10th. I was very agreeably surprised to find such a neat Masonic hall and competent staff of officers, who conferred the second degree so correctly. This Lodge is progressing favorably. W. Bros. Green and Walton gave to the W. M. every assistance. Bro. Powell is an efficient Secretary.

Temple Lodge, No. 206, St. Catharines: Visited this Lodge on January 29th. There was a good attendance, including visitors from Mountain and St. George's Lodges. This Lodge has a corps of enthusiastic officers, who conferred the third degree in a manner creditable to themselves and the Lodge. W. Bros. Evans and Dwyer assisted the W. M., the former giving the charge and the latter presenting the working tools in a thorough manner. This Lodge is of slow growth, to the perfect satisfaction of its older members, whose desire is to build up a Lodge with substantial material. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Bald, of Thorold, a thorough Masonic student, who delivered a very interesting address.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville: On January 28th I visited this Lodge. There was a very small attendance, and am sorry to state that the only regular officers present were the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Secretary. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. McDonald,

who was ably assisted by the Wardens and W. Bro. Forman, who acted as Senior Deacon. This Lodge room presents a dingy appearance, and is badly in need of suitable furniture. I recommended to the brethren present the advisability of decorating at least the walls and ceiling.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 320, Jarvis: I visited this Lodge officially on January 24th, and was received by an enthusiastic lot of Masons. The work of the evening was two passings, which was well done by the regular officers. Great credit is due to W. Bro. Parsons for the manner in which he conducts his Lodge. He expresses a perfect satisfaction with the entire membership. This Lodge is in good condition and I look forward to a bright future.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson: Through a misunderstanding this Lodge has not been officially visited.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport: Visited this Lodge officially on January 21st. There was a large attendance, including visiting brethren from Merrill, Copestone and Macnab Lodges. The third degree was conferred correctly and impressively. This Lodge has been progressing and is to be highly complimented upon the neat appearance of their new quarters. Election of officers took place on this night, and I look for marked progress during the next year, as each officer elected appears to be quite capable of filling the chair entrusted to him. Bro. Goring is a splendid Secretary, and much credit is due to him for his untiring efforts.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg: On February 2 I visited this Lodge officially. The work on this occasion was the conferring of the first degree, which was done in a satisfactory and faultless manner by W. Bro. Patterson and his Wardens, Bros. Ramey and Gilbert. This is a prosperous Lodge. The W. M. is a very enthusiastic Mason and performs his work in such a manner that the Lodge may well feel proud of him. Bro. Watts I consider one of the best Secretaries in the District, and is to be highly complimented on the small amount of dues outstanding.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: I visited this Lodge officially on June 2nd and found it in a very healthy condition. No work being on, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very pleasing manner

by very competent officers. I was pleased on this occasion to meet with the first D. D. G. M. of Niagara District, R. W. Bro. I. P. Wilson. R. W. Bro. Wilson has for many years been a student of the history of Masonry. Possessed of excellent scholarship and general culture, he is ever ready to speak intelligently and profoundly upon the subject of Masonry. His address on this occasion was both eloquent and most instructive to the brethren. Other addresses of a high order were delivered by W. Bro. Johnston and Bro. Kinneas, of Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne, the former showing the relation of Masonry to Christianity, and the latter dealing profoundly with Masonry as a practical ethical science.

In conclusion I wish to again thank the brethren of the District for the many courtesies shown me during the past year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD MATHEWS, D.D.G.M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, NO. II.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with much pleasure that I present my report on the condition of Masonry in this District.

As was suggested by M. W. Bro. H. Murray, that our reports be short and to the point, not full of complimentary remarks and expressions of praise, etc., I have endeavored to make my report as short as possible without missing anything of great importance.

My worthy successor, R. W. Bro. Webster, and those before him, have done such good work that I found the working of the ritual so nearly perfectly rendered as to make my labors comparatively light.

I must first sincerely thank the brethren of this District for the confidence they placed in me in so unanimously electing me to this high and honorable position, and I might safely say one of the most responsible positions in connection with the Craft.

I first appointed W. Bro. A. D. Carley, a Past Master of Robertson Lodge, King City, my District Secretary, and W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace, of Patterson Lodge, my District Chaplain, two very energetic and painstaking Masons, and I must heartily thank them for the valuable and ever willing assistance they rendered me and the District at large.

The only difficulty of much importance that I met with was that owing to most of the Lodges electing their officers in December I could not officially visit them until February or March, thus making my term for official work very short. I sincerely trust and recommend that some different arrangements be made in the near future. If all the Lodges would elect their officers in May it would be much better.

Masonry throughout the District, with very few exceptions, is in a flourishing condition, and I believe all the Lodges are endeavoring to comply with the regulations

laid down by Grand Lodge. The interest taken in the sincere and perfect rendering of the work is to be much admired. The membership is increasing rapidly, especially in the city Lodges, the true Masonic spirit is being displayed, and the brethren have given largely towards the support of their afflicted brethren.

How many sickly homes you've cheered,
How many hearts made light,
For trouble reigns no longer there,
And all is calm and bright.

Oh, may your future life be crowned
With blessings from above,
And may you long be spared on earth
For this great work of love.

They talk about the men behind the gun,
The men behind the plough,
The men behind the hoe, and others
That I can't remember now.

But in every Lodge I find
Far more numerous than rhymes
That the brethren assembled there
Are the brainy men of the times.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: My first official visit was to this Lodge on October 6th, but I am sorry to report that there were not sufficient members present to have a meeting. Having heard that this Lodge was not in a very flourishing condition, I wrote several times to the Secretary, and judging from the answers received I had hopes of a fairly good meeting, but there were only five members and three visitors present, the W. M. not being present and not even sending any word. I understand this same brother was conspicuous by his absence when my predecessor attempted to visit the Lodge. W. Bro. Duncan, who accompanied me, and the few of us who were present spent a very pleasant hour together. W. Bro. Taylor and a few more of the Past Masters here seem to be quite enthusiastic Masons. I got a list of several of the members and wrote to the Past Masters and a few others advising them to make an effort to have a meeting in the near future, especially as the election of officers was near at hand, and endeavor to elect good and worthy brothers, Past Masters and capable men. This,

I am pleased to report, they acted upon. The first meeting they received two applications for membership and two for affiliation. This was a good start, and fairly good progress is being made, several applications having since been received. I am glad to report much progress, and with due care this Lodge will soon again be on the high plain which it once occupied.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: W. Bro. A. Miller, W. M. I visited this progressive Lodge in November 6th, and was pleasantly surprised to find such a fine building the property of the brethren, the interior so well proportioned, decorated and so comfortably furnished. The members are certainly to be congratulated on the possession of such a truly Masonic home, a good example for other Lodges to follow. The second degree was conferred on three candidates by an able staff of officers. With few exceptions the work was well and impressively rendered, especially that of the W. M. and Senior Warden. The Secretary, W. Bro. Bolton, deserves credit for the able manner in which he keeps his books and the general interest he takes in the Lodge. The membership is materially increasing, and the prospects are quite bright. The fine supper that had been prepared was all that could be desired, and was thoroughly enjoyed, the brethren proving that they are also Past Masters in this art.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: W. Bro. F. Attridge, W. M. I visited this Lodge on November 30th, and was very warmly welcomed by the brethren, who, with a number of members from Beeton, turned out in good numbers. A candidate was initiated in a very creditable manner; the J. W. gave the lecture in a manner seldom excelled. Although a number of the officers are but young Masons, their work shows the interest they are taking in the Craft. W. Bro. Brereton, M. D., their popular Secretary, and a few of their older Past Masters are still taking a deep interest in the Lodge. Now that there is railway communication with this town it is much more convenient and will no doubt be a great help to this Lodge, which seems to be on the eve of greater prosperity. The pleasant hour spent at the refreshment board showed that a truly Masonic spirit prevailed here.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: W. Bro. A. Lamb, W. M. Visited this Lodge on Thursday evening, December 31st. A fair number of members present. The W. M. and his able staff of officers initiated a candidate

in a very exemplary manner. The J. D. deserves special credit for his masterly work. This Lodge is rapidly coming to the front. The treasury is fairly well filled, and the candidates that are presenting themselves in goodly numbers are the right kind of men who make good Masons. The books are well kept, and with Past Masters such as W. Bro. W. Wilby the prosperity of Humber Lodge is assured.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: W. Bro. D. W. Cooper, W. M. I visited this Lodge at a special meeting on January 29th. I was to have visited here at the regular meeting, but on account of the stormy evening and bad roads I had to postpone my visit, therefore a special meeting was held, at which the W. M., assisted by an able staff of officers, worked the second degree in quite an able manner. I noticed a great improvement in this Lodge during the past year, having accompanied R. W. Bro. Webster on his official visits the year previous, the same officers having been elected for a second term. This is one of the healthy and prosperous Lodges of the District, owning their fine Lodge building, which is very tastefully furnished. There are an able staff of Past Masters, who are ever on hand to assist in any of the workings of the Lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. Richardson, one of the oldest Masons in this Lodge, takes much pride in keeping his books, etc., in the very creditable manner in which I found them. Though the applications for membership are not numerous, the few that have been admitted are of that masterly and intelligent class of Masons who compose this Lodge. The lady friends, who are ever willing to assist, had prepared a very enticing repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the speeches which followed were but another proof of the stability and brotherly love that prevails in No. 54.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: W. Bro. Walter H. Blight, W. M. I visited this Lodge at the regular meeting on February 4th. The affairs of this Lodge are very ably managed, and the W. M. is a worthy successor of those who have preceeded him. Although so soon after the installation of officers a candidate was initiated in an impressive manner, each officer seemingly determined to do his best. The J. W. gave the lecture in a manner seldom surpassed; in fact, the best I have ever witnessed. The officers took time to pronounce each word plainly so the candidate could better understand.

This is something to be commended, as so many officers seem to get in such a hurry that the candidate does not seem to have a chance to get the meaning of the work properly. The few suggestions which I made during the evening were received in the same spirit in which they were given. No doubt this Lodge will have a good record to show at the end of the year. The Secretary has his books in good shape, and the finances are all that is necessary for the management of a good thriving Lodge.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: W. B. John McKerracher, W. M. Visited here on February 11th, where I found an able staff of officers doing good work and endeavoring to perform their numerous duties with skill and ability under the scrutinizing eye of R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, who gave me a very cordial introduction to the members of this Lodge. I was pleased to see a number of Past Masters able and willing to assist the officers in the discharge of their arduous duties. A Lodge with an active and agreeable set of Past Masters is sure of success. The work of the first degree was well rendered by a capable staff of officers, who, no doubt, are raising King Solomon Lodge to a still higher pinnacle by simply making use of the valuable opportunities that present themselves from time to time. The financial standing is improving, and no doubt this department will soon be all that is desired.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: W. Bro. Stewart N. Hughes, W. M. I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on February 16th. Received a cordial welcome, being introduced by V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, one of the mainstays of this Lodge. The work of the first degree was well rendered, although the officials were somewhat tired, having held a special meeting that afternoon when several degrees were worked. The applicants for admission are numerous, and judging from the three admitted on this date they are a good class, and men who no doubt will make true and faithful Masons. I was pleased to see the spirit of benevolence that prevails in this Lodge. The members are caring well for their less favored brethren, who, for the present, are permitted to suffer, one being in the hospital, sent there and cared for by his faithful brethren.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: W. Bro. J. R. Code, W. M. I was fraternally and royally welcomed here on February 23rd. A candidate was initiated by an

efficient staff of officers. It was another example of the good and impressive work being done by the Lodges in this District. It is a pleasure to congratulate such Lodges on the proficiency of their work, and where you find the officers backed up by such a capable and willing set of Past Masters as exists here success is sure to follow. The membership is rapidly increasing, and of that class which bring honor to any society. The finances are in good shape. Suffice it to say that Harmony Lodge is O. K.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: W. Bro. A. Maynard, W. M. I visited this Lodge on February 26th and found thirteen members present. Would liked to have seen more, especially of the officers, as the J. W. and Deacons were not on hand to take their parts in the working of the third degree, which was very well given. There were a large number of visitors from the surrounding Lodges, and we had a very good meeting. This Lodge is making fairly good progress, and has recently built a new brick building, where it is now comfortably situated. The members are to be congratulated on their Masonic home, where, no doubt, they will have many pleasant and profitable meetings. W. Bro. F. Smith is still a shining light in this Lodge. The refreshment, provided in such abundance, was thoroughly enjoyed by about forty of the brethren.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: W. Bro. Thompson, W. M. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on March 3rd, and was pleased to see such a large attendance of the members as well as a number of visitors. The work done by the W. M. and his assistants in office was all that could be desired. The working of the first degree was very creditable. It was a pleasure to commend these officers on their efficient work. There has been great prosperity during the year, and prospects are bright for this Lodge. We were most hospitably entertained at the refreshment board, where brotherly love and good fellowship prevailed.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: W. Bro. W. J. King, W. M. I visited this Lodge officially at the regular meeting in March, when M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding was present. There were also present a number of Grand Lodge Officers and Past District Deputies. The attendance was very large, and the Grand Master expressed much pleasure at his kind and enthusiastic reception, and no doubt will have many pleasant recollections of the

good and impressive work done by this ever progressive Lodge. The brethren present will recollect the masterly manner in which the W. M. and his energetic officers rendered the work of the first degree. The W. M. was suffering from an accident that befell him a few weeks previous, consequently was not sufficiently able to do all his work, but he was ably assisted by W. Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, T. Barber, and others. This Lodge is well supported by a large number of Past Masters, who are ever on hand to lend assistance and counsel when required. This, no doubt, has been a great help in raising the standard to its present height, which position it no doubt will hold for many years. The banquet and entertainment that followed was such that will long be remembered by all who were privileged to be present.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: W. Bro. W. S. Ziller, W. M. My official visit to this Lodge was on Tuesday evening, March 22nd. I had the honor to be introduced by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, D. G. M., and was warmly welcomed and royally entertained. The W. M. and his enthusiastic staff of officers gave the first degree in a manner seldom if ever excelled, and it was a great pleasure indeed for me to justly compliment this ever progressive Lodge on the masterly manner in which they do, not only the work of the degrees, but everything in connection with the workings of this thriving Lodge. My predecessors will no doubt recollect the manner in which this Lodge entertains its guests. It was a pleasure to see such a good attendance of the members. They no doubt have a faithful crew that keep the good old ship on the move. On the side benches sat many of the brethren thinking of their future prospects, but still enjoying the present, while all along the East were the time-honored brothers thinking of the past, but still are the star light, moon light and sun light of this Ashlar. On September 22nd I was requested to attend a meeting of this Lodge and present R. W. Bro. Webster, the Immediate Past D. D. G. M., with a suit of regalia, an act which I was much pleased to perform. The word of good cheer and harmony that came from all parts of the District spoke well for our worthy brother, who no doubt did his duty and did it well, for I have found that his wise counsel and word of encouragement are bearing fruit. This meeting was but another of the bright spots in the life of this noted Lodge.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: W. Bro. Thos. McJuillar, W. M. On Friday evening, March 25th, I paid my official visit to this Lodge. I found one of the most progressive Lodges in the District. All the officers were careful and exact. The number of initiations and the good standing of the men who are seeking admission speak louder than words for the popularity and usefulness of this progressive Lodge of over four hundred members, being the largest in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. This Lodge, without doubt, is one of the best financially, socially and otherwise. Anything that they undertake is sure to be a success. The masterly manner in which the W. M. and his enthusiastic staff of officers gave the first degree will long be remembered by the visiting brethren. This Lodge is certainly fortunate in having such a Secretary as W. Bro. John McCabe. He has everything in first-class shape; it is a treat to look over his books and see the perfect record of each member. The Wardens, Bros. Haywood and Dransfield, two very faithful officers, will no doubt ably support the W. M. in all the workings of this Lodge. The hour spent at the refreshment board was certainly an enjoyable one for the members. One and all are truly royal entertainers, and few Lodges possess such a wide scope of talent as there is to be found among the members of Zetland. Everything here is all right.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: W. Bro. R. A. Montgomery, W. M. Visited this Lodge on Tuesday evening, March 29th. There was a good attendance, mostly members of the Lodge. The brethren have a very comfortable Lodge room of their own and are in good financial standing. The Secretary, Bro. R. E. Part, is a very capable officer. The W. M., ably supported by his officers, raised a brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a very creditable manner. There seems to be a good amount of material available, and the work being done shows that this Lodge is steadily growing, and is now one of the foremost Lodges in the country part of the District.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: W. Bro. G. S. Martin, W. M. I visited this energetic and prosperous Lodge on Tuesday evening, April 5th. Here I found an enthusiastic lot of officers and members. The working of the first degree was all that could be desired. This Lodge is making rapid strides in the right direction.

The interest taken by all the members assure success, and if the members of this Lodge see fit to build a Masonic home, which they are talking of doing, no doubt it will be a credit, not only to Stanley Lodge, but to the whole Craft. There is abundance of material in this town, and in the future, perhaps not far distant, another Lodge will be opened up here, as the town is growing rapidly, and by present indications is likely to continue. We spent a very enjoyable hour at the refreshment board. The members can work the fourth with as good skill and fellowship as any of the other degrees.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglington: W. Bro. A. J. Brown, W. M. On April 15th I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge. Here I found the brethren quite enthusiastic, working together with that skill, love and harmony which it is a pleasure to see. W. Bro. Brown is a good presiding officer, and assisted by such a staff of officers exemplified the working of the first degree in a manner yet to be excelled. The J. W. received much praise for the way he distinguished himself in the dendering of the lecture. The Secretary's books are all in good shape and the finances all O. K. This Lodge is making rapid and substantial progress, and with so many worthy Past Masters this is sure to continue. This Lodge is seeking concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, which, in my opinion, should be obtained, as also should Stanley Lodge, of Toronto Junction, as they are so near they are practically part of same.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: W. Bro. H. E. Roberts, W. M. I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting in April and was most kindly received and honored by the brethren. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very creditable manner. This Lodge hardly needs any inspection. R. W. Bro. McFadden, the Secretary, has everything in first-class order; in fact, all the affairs in connection with this thriving Lodge are in first-class shape. The Lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished, and I was pleased to see the true Masonic feeling so freely exemplified among the brethren. The membership is increasing and the material of the best. The working of the fourth degree was but another proof of good fellowship, with song, speeches, etc., brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: W. Bro. W. Wood, W. M. My visit to this well known Lodge on April 25th

was but another proof of the good fellowship found throughout this district. There was a good attendance of the members, also a number of visitors from Aurora, Maple, Toronto and Thornhill. This Lodge has done considerable work during the past few years, but at present good available material is somewhat scarce. However, the brethren are practicing the truly Masonic art, and a more enthusiastic lot of Past Masters cannot be found. The able Secretary, W. Bro. A. Carley, is ever at his post, and is justly proud of the masterly manner in which his books are kept. This is the home of my Secretary, W. Bro. A. Carley, and I was glad to see the high position he holds in the hearts of the brethren. This is as it should be, as Bro. Carley has always the principles of Masonry foremost in anything he undertakes.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: W. Bro. J. W. Breakey, W. M. This, my mother Lodge, I attended on nearly every meeting during the year, and am pleased to be able to report continued progress. The work has been well up to the standard and a fair amount of new members have been initiated, and those who were received are of the best class of citizens. Others sought admittance, but the brethren did not see fit to admit them. I am glad that the Lodges throughout the District are guarding the portals more closely. On May 26th I visited this Lodge officially and was heartily received and honored by my brothers, as was also R. W. Bro. Nichols, D. D. G. M. of No. 11a, and a number of the brothers from Richmond Hill, King City, Maple and Eglinton, and several of the other surrounding Lodges would have been represented were it not for the stormy evening. However, a most enjoyable evening was spent, and I think with some profit. The brotherly feeling displayed in the working of the fourth was all that could be desired, and a very fitting ending to my tour of official visits.

Peel Lodge, Under Dispensation, Caledon East: W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, W. M. I received a petition from twenty-five brethren in the vicinity of Caledon East requesting that a new Lodge be formed there. Upon making several inquiries and investigating the territory, etc., I found that they were several miles from the nearest Lodge and that there were sufficient good Masons to make a fair start, and as the consent of the nearest Lodge had been obtained, as was that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I therefore notified the brethren to provide

themselves with a suitable place to meet in, and regalia, etc., which they did to my entire satisfaction. I had the pleasure to open this Lodge on Tuesday evening, June 7th, when about fifty of the brethren from the surrounding Lodges assembled at the inauguration. I was pleased to have present R. W. Bro. R. Irvine, of Orangeville, who assisted me in the ceremony. W. Bro. Leavens no doubt will make a good presiding officer, and assisted by Bro. Rev. G. A. Field as S. W., and Bro. J. J. Hill as J. W.. Masonry here should have a good footing. The Lodge room is very convenient and nicely furnished. They have a first-class set of regalia, charts, etc. I must thank the brethren of this Lodge for honor they wished to confer on me by expressing a wish that the new Lodge be called Francis. I wrote thanking them for same, but suggested that the name be changed, as it is not now the custom of Grand Lodge to honor a living brother in this way. The members of this Lodge are quite enthusiastic. A number of applications were received on the night of opening, and several have since been added to their numbers. I am pleased to report that success is already assured. At the close of the meeting we assembled at the beautiful home of Mrs. Roadhouse, where she and her hospitable daughter, assisted by some of the other lady friends, had provided a sumptuous repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The brethren here certainly have the good wishes of the ladies. A long list of toasts were disposed of thus bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening, long to be remembered in Caledon East and by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

In conclusion I must thank the brethren for their kind assistance, generous treatment and personal interest they have taken in me. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the various Lodges, and would have liked very much to have been present at more of the social gatherings, had time permitted, for my kind receptions and entertainments have drawn closer to my heart many of the brethren of this District. I have only tried to do my duty, and am pleased that I can leave this large and influential District in such a satisfactory condition, and I sincerely trust that my successor will meet with the hearty support and good fellowship that has been accorded me.

It has been my joy to find,
At every turning of the road,

The strong arm of a comrade kind,
To help me onward with my load.

And since we need not gold to give,
But love alone to make amends.

My only prayer is while I live
May I prove worthy of you, my friends.

God bless your life, God bless your home,
Where'er that home may be,

A thousand thousand thanks I send
For honors conferred on me.

J. EDWARD FRANCIS, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto West District, No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Mem- bership.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.				
								ber- ship.	conf rd.																					
22 King Solo'n	Toronto	231	16		24	23	26	1	1		1	5		1	4	11	8	19	48	221	80	15	\$251 25	July 1, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
54 Vaughan	Maple	39	1		3	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	13	4	30	00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	\$180 00			
65 Rehoboam	Toronto	273	28		17	24	16	1	1	4	8	1	5	10	11	13	24	60	28	280	00	Dec. 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00			
85 Wilson	Toronto	209	17		17	21	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	14	65	24	31	82	75	June 24, '03	Good	Good	No	No	400 00			
98 True Blue	Bolton	64	21		7	6	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	9	9	3	12	12	23	80	00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00			
114 Union	Schomberg	19	1		1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	10	7	00	2	00	June 24, '03	Good	Better	Yes	Yes	400 00			
156 York	North Toronto	97	13		13	13	10	4	2	3	1	1	1	11	10	6	16	19	40	00	14	74	10	Dec., 1903	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes	400 00	
229 Ionic	Brampton	76	7		3	5	6	6	2	5	2	3	3	3	9	9	18	60	84	00	11	16	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00	
247 Ashler	Toronto	277	15		19	22	16	6	4	5	2	3	9	9	18	60	84	00	11	106	50	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Bright	Yes	Yes	2500 00			
265 Paterson.	Thornhill	46	4		2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	14	15	40	9	51	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	200 00			
282 Robertson	King	39	2		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12	12	12	14	10	00	9	39	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	250 00		
305 Humber	Weston	61	16		2	14	11	9	2	4	4	4	4	12	15	17	17	12	00	9	37	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	150 00		
311 Blackwood	Woodbridge	42	2		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	11	11	14	14	00	00	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	300 00			
326 Zetland	Toronto	412	23		30	32	47	5	1	4	2	5	5	5	10	10	20	76	350	00	17	121	00	Jan. 1, '04	Wealthy	1st Class	Yes	Yes	500 00	
346 Occident	Toronto	199	27		5	23	20	22	2	2	4	1	1	10	6	16	40	35	00	13	72	20	Jan. 1, '04	Good	Vy Good	Yes	Yes	500 00		
356 River Park	Streetsville	40	6		4	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	8	10	8	83	25	April, 1964	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	1600 00				
369 Mimico	Lambton Mills	79	4		4	1	3	3	1	5	3	3	3	3	12	6	18	23	50	00	15	110	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Excel't	Yes	Yes	1000 00	
384 Alpha	Toronto	260	19		19	21	18	7	1	4	3	1	1	11	6	17	55	123	00	36	320	00	Dec. 27, '03	Vy Good	Excel't	Yes	Yes	1000 00		
428 Stanley	Toronto	217	19		15	18	18	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	7	19	55	74	00	00	276	65	Dec. 27, '03	Excel't	Good	Yes	Yes	1000 00	
436 Harmony.	Toronto	219	53		47	42	42	6	1	7	6	1	7	2	12	14	26	46	200	20	14	255	00	Dec. 31, '03	Good	Excel't	Yes	Yes	Fully	
448 D. Foot	Calodon East	10																											Yes	Yes

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 11A.

I desire, in the first place, to thank the brethren for electing me to this high and honorable position a year ago, and also for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions I have met with them during my term of office, and I trust I may have been instrumental in some small measure in doing some lasting good for our beloved Order.

I appointed W. Bro. T. F. McMahon, a worthy P. M. of Richmond Lodge, as District Secretary, and he has been of great assistance to me in giving advice and rendering decisions on matters that have come up during the year. I also appointed Rev. A. P. Brace, W. M. of Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, and as he accompanied me several times upon my visits of inspection, the brethren could not help but be benefitted by the good sound advice he gave them when responding to toasts.

I appointed R. W. Bro. John Watson, P. D. D. G. M., chairman; W. Bro. S. B. Sykes, P. M. of Ionic Lodge, Secretary; W. Bro. J. T. Slater, P. M. of St. Andrew's; W. Bro. E. Cashmore, P. M. of St. John's; W. Bro. A. Mitchell, W. M. of Zeta; W. Bro. John Kelly, P. M., of Orient; W. Bro. W. E. Smith, P. M. of St. John's, a committee to procure and present to R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown, the retiring D. D. G. M., a suitable testimonial for the very efficient manner he performed the duties pertaining to the office, and also for the skill and ability displayed in all things Masonic during his term.

Masonry in this District is in a very flourishing condition. Most of the Lodges have showed a decided increase in membership, the best Masonic feeling prevails, and peace and harmony exists throughout. I feel assured that this is the best year Masonically in this District under this Grand Lodge.

The questions in dispute upon which I have been asked to decide related principally to jurisdiction, and in any case where there was the least doubt I referred to the Grand Secretary, who reported to the Grand Master, both of whom I desire to thank for their kind advice and also for the promptness in answering all correspondence and the courtesy shown on all occasions.

In a circular which I issued and sent to each Lodge in the District, among other things I especially directed the attention of the Lodges to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and a few months later issued another circular relating to the same, and at every visit I did not fail to try and impress upon the brethren the duty they owed to Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge in respect to this Fund, and I am pleased to report that with very few exceptions the matter was very enthusiastically received, and donations to the Fund will be sent in, I am led to believe, from every Lodge in the District.

I have the honor to place one more Lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge, in opening under dispensation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master a Lodge at Sunderland. I viewed the country, made myself well acquainted with the people in the neighborhood, and reported to the Grand Master favorably, and the consequence was I had the pleasure of opening King Edward Lodge on January 26th, a report of which I submit later.

I received but very few reports of deaths of members of the Craft. Markham Union Lodge, of Markham, lost two of its members in the persons of Bro. James Eckardt, who had been license inspector of East York for the past twenty years, and Bro. John Webber, who was a prominent figure in Markham Township for the past fifty years. On both of these occasions I conducted the Masonic service. Other deaths have occurred, but the Secretaries have neglected to send me notice.

Acacia Lodge, of East Toronto, which suffered from fire last year, moved into very commodious quarters last April, and I had the pleasure of being the first Grand Lodge officer to visit them in their new home. The room was shortly after dedicated by the Grand Master.

During the year I paid each Lodge in the District a visit of inspection. I installed officers in two of the Lodges. I made three visits to Sunderland in connection with the establishment of the new Lodge there, and was present at many other gatherings of the Craft during the

year, and on each occasion I thoroughly enjoyed myself and was received enthusiastically and heartily welcomed as the representative of the Grand Master. I beg to submit the following report of my visits, which must necessarily be brief.

On November 3rd, in company with V. W. Bro. T. Newton, P. G. S., and W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace, District Chaplain, I visited Ionic Lodge (not officially), the occasion being the presentation of a P. D. D. G. M's regalia to R. W. Bro. Brown, my immediate predecessor. During the R. W. Bro's term of office he had endeared himself to the brethren of the District, and I claimed him as a warm friend of my own. I consequently could not let this opportunity pass without being present. The presentation was made by R. W. Bro. John Watson, P. D. D. G. M., and the investiture by R. W. Bro. Eakin, G. S. W., each of whom made allusion to the many good qualities of R. W. Bro. Brown. Another event, which made this a red letter night in Ionic, was the presence of W. Bro. A. B. Aylesworth, who had but a day or so returned from England as commissioner on the memorable Alaskan boundary award, and took the earliest opportunity to visit his mother Lodge. It is needless to say he was warmly welcomed by his brethren. Other prominent visitors were V. W. Bro. Harry Leeson, G. J. D., V. W. Bro. Edward Flock, of London, Assistant G. D. of C.

On the evening of November 25 th, at the earnest solicitation of R. W. Bro. Collins, W. M. of Doric Lodge, No. 316, I visited this Lodge, the occasion being a visit from Washington Lodge, Buffalo. I found between two and three hundred Masons assembled, including many prominent members of the Craft, among whom were R. W. Bro. Allen, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Francis, D. D. G. M. of Toronto West District, No. 11; R. W. Bro. Kilvington, of Minnesota; R. W. Bro. Haffa, D. D. G. M. of N. Y. State, many D. D. G. M's, and nearly all the W M's of the city Lodges. R. W. Bro. Collins, assisted by some of the P. M's of Doric, worked the third degree, with musical accompaniment, and performed that sublime degree in an excellent manner. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a portrait of President Roosevelt draped in the stars and stripes to the Lodge, also a life membership of Albert Pike Lodge, of Minnesota to W. Bro. Cowan, S. W. of Doric, R. W. Bro. Collins having been presented similarly on a previous occasion. Re-

freshments were served in the banqueting hall, and a good musical program was furnished by Shea's aggregation, Bert Harvey and others, in addition to long toast list, which brought out some splendid speeches, W. M. Renny, of Washington, excelling all others in a truly Masonic speech. R. W. Bro. Collins was toast master, and it is needless to say that he performed that part as he alone knows how.

King Edward Lodge, Sunderland: On January 26th I had the extreme pleasure of opening under a dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master, a new Lodge at Sunderland. This Lodge was opened under the most favorable circumstances, with a membership of fourteen, and on the night of opening twelve applications were received, all of **whom**, from enquiries which I had made, will make estimable Masons. I am greatly indebted to R. W. Bro. Harvey Gould, P. D. D. G. M., for the able assistance rendered me at the opening ceremony, also to V. W. Bro. Todd and W. Bro. Ormiston, of Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, and Bro. Gress, of Zeta Lodge, Toronto. Bro. Joseph Thompson, as W. M., will be ably supported by Bro. G. C. Beall, as S. W.; Bro. J. L. Tipp, J. W., and Bro. E. G. Sutherland, Secretary, and I hope at Grand Lodge meeting to render such a report that the Grand Lodge will feel justified in granting them their warrant.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: I visited this the oldest and largest Lodge in the District, on March 8th. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, P. G. R. The recent death of Tyler Pritchard seemed to cast a gloom over the Lodge. A resolution of condolence was passed, to be forwarded to the bereaved family. W. Bro. Luke, the W. M., and his officers worked the first degree, and opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The work was done well throughout, and the candidate, J. Rodick, could not fail to be impressed with the beauty of the ceremony. The Lodge is increasing rapidly in membership. The finances are in good condition, and I found the books of the Secretary in excellent order. By the bye, W. Bro. Slater, the Secretary, was initiated in Richmond Lodge, No. 23, my mother Lodge, many years ago, and has been a pillar in St. Andrew's for some time. The W. M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented me with a bound copy of the history of their Lodge, which I have since read with a great deal of pleasure. This Lodge has an

excellent choir under the able management of W. Bro. Arlidge. At the April meeting the Lodge very fittingly celebrated the 60th anniversary, as a member of the Lodge, of R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, he having been initiated on April 9th, 1844. It is with pleasure we note the enthusiasm displayed by the members, and the result must be continued prosperity for the Lodge.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: This, my mother Lodge, I visited officially on April 22nd. R. W. Bro. Francis, D. D. G. M. of Toronto West District No. 11, was present, accompanied by a number of the brethren from Patterson Lodge. Visitors were also present from Maple and other places. W. Bro. Farquharson, the W. M., had to remove to Ottawa immediately after his installation, and consequently the government of the Lodge depended greatly upon W. Bro. G. B. Newbery, I. P. M., to whom the brethren are greatly indebted for assuming control for the third term. The Lodge has also been unfortunate as regards its J. W., who through illness has not been able to attend, but there is no lack of P. M's, who keep well posted in the work, and are thus able to fill any vacancy successfully. Mr. George Derry was initiated by W. Bro. Newbery, who presided, and with his officers did the work in a very satisfactory manner and ably maintained the good reputation always held by Richmond Lodge. W. Bro. T. H. Trench occupied the J. W's chair, and seldom has the lecture been given in better style. The candidate could not help but be favorably and lastingly impressed with the way in which the different parts were explained and pointed out. The opening and closing of the second and third degrees was also done, all the officers acquitting themselves with distinction. The Lodge is progressing, future prospects are bright, and finances satisfactory. The fourth degree was worked in the lower hall and proved not the least enjoyable of a successful evening. R. W. Bro. Francis gave an excellent address, and all the visitors had something good to say of Old Richmond. The program was interspersed by songs given by members of the Lodge. The gathering broke up at a late hour, and all were so interested that none retired till the conclusion of the toast list.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: I paid my visit of inspection to this Lodge on May 3rd. This Lodge has many Grand Lodge officers, including R. W. Bros. Roaf, White and Brown, P. D. D. G. M's, and R. W. Bro. Eakin, G. S.

W., all of whom were present and assisted very materially in making the visit a successful one. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Brown, my immediate predecessor, and heartily welcomed. W. Bro. Lockhart, the W. M., was in the chair, and his all in position with the exception of the S. D., which chair was filled acceptably by the J. D. Bros. Hood and Raymond were passed, and the degree was conferred in a very proper and impressive manner. Bro. Dunstan gave the S. W.'s lecture very correctly, and Bro. Lee, as J. W., does his work extremely well. The charge was given by W. Bro. Harcourt, P. M., in good style. The Secretary's books are in good shape, and owing to the efficient Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Postlethwaite, the arrearages are practically nil. Ionic stands high among the Lodges in the District. Good fellowship prevails, and nothing but the very best material admitted. A very pleasant fourth degree was exemplified. Many excellent speeches were given, and altogether an enjoyable, and I trust profitable, evening was spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: I visited this Lodge on the 7th December, 1903. This was my first official visit in the city. W. Bro. D. Chisholm, W. M., was in the chair, and initiated Mr. Rutherford into the Mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The degree was fairly well rendered. The W. M. did his part in a very impressive manner. The J. W.'s lecture was given in excellent style by Bro. Howarth, and the Junior Deacon did his work very satisfactorily. W. Bro. Cashmore, an old P. M., delivered the charge in a very creditable manner. The W. M. also opened and closed in the second and third degrees. At this meeting a by-law was passed abolishing liquor from the refreshment board, and several grants were given in aid of deceased widows of deceased members. Music rendered by a competent choir greatly added to the interest taken in the work. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, has a good Secretary, is doing a good work, and has excellent future prospects. At the conclusion of the Lodge a pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment board, where the choir again was in evidence and delighted all with their Scotch songs.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham: I made my first official visit on the evening of December 4th, 1903, and selected this Lodge as my initiative. I was accompanied by a number of brethren from my own Lodge, besides which there were a number present from Patter-

son Lodge, No. 265, and other sister Lodges, and the comfortable Lodge room was well filled. W. Bro. George Gormley, the W. M., for the first time exemplified the third degree, and raised Bro. Summerfeldt to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The W. M. and his Wardens performed their work satisfactorily, the Deacons were not quite up to the mark, but taken as a whole the work was very well rendered. W. Bro. Gould and other P. M's render valuable assistance to the officers. W. Bro. R. A. Mason proves a very efficient Secretary, and has his books in excellent condition. I was pleased to notice the presence of W. Bro. Noble, aged 78 years, and the only living charter member of the Lodge. He still takes a lively interest in Masonry and attends his Lodge whenever practicable. The Lodge is in good financial condition, and is steadily increasing its membership. R. W. Bro. Francis, D. D. G. M. of District No. 11, was present and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. R. W. Bro. Watson, P. D. D. G. M. of No. 11a, was also present. At the banquet the W. M. presided, and speeches, interspersed with music, brought a very pleasant and I trust profitable evening to a close.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon: I paid an official visit to this Lodge on May 31st. The absence of the W. M., W. Bro. Hill, in the Northwest, and the recent installation of officers, owing to the severe weather, prevented me from visiting the Lodge earlier in the year. I thought it was only fair to the officers to defer my visit as long as possible. I found the brethren assembled in a neat little room, although not large, it answers the purpose fully. The night, unfortunately, was very wet, and the number who turned up to Lodge was small, but what they lacked in number was made up in enthusiasm, as the majority present had to drive a considerable distance to attend Lodge. There was no candidate, and the W. M. and his officers opened and closed in the several degrees. The work, although by no means perfect, was perhaps done as well as could be expected under the circumstances, there being no meeting for considerable time and the officers living at such a distance from each other, were not able to meet for rehearsal. The Lodge has a good membership, is in good financial circumstances, and dues well paid up. W. Bro. B. F. Pearson makes a very efficient Secretary, and with W. Bros. Powers and Wilson, are the principal supports of the Lodge. W. Bro. Graham, on a visit

to his native village, visited the Lodge. Bro. Graham is a P. M. of Doric Lodge, Seattle, Washington, and he gave the brethren some interesting facts as regards Masonry in that territory. Altogether a pleasant evening was spent.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: Accompanied by W. Bro. McMahon, District Secretary, and Bro. Osborne, of Richmond Lodge, I paid an official visit to this Lodge on April 13th. R. W. Bro., Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., introduced me, and I was cordially welcomed. R. W. Bro. Broughton, P. D. D. G. M., of Georgian District No. 9, was present. This R. W. Bro. first saw the light in Masonry in 1865 in my mother Lodge, Richmond, No. 23, and is the father of the present W. M. of Tuscan. This Lodge still upholds the high reputation it has justly attained to in the District. Visitors were also present from Sharon, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Bradford, and other places. William Wallace Bruce was initiated by W. Bro. Broughton, the W. M., and his officers in a very creditable manner. The W. M. did the work well, and he was supported by able and well skilled subordinate officers. The Lodge was also opened and closed in the other degrees. The performance of the work throughout was presented in an almost faultless manner, and very few criticisms were required. The Lodge is prosperous, the greatest harmony prevails, among the members, and everything points to a bright future. The Secretary's books are well kept, and dues paid promptly. The brethren could not but be greatly benefitted by the excellent speeches made at the refreshment board, especially the one by R. W. Bro. Brunton, who has recently been made an honorary member of Tuscan, an honor he appreciates and which was well merited.

Richardson Lodge, No. 126, Stouffville: This Lodge was visited officially by me on the evening of January 28. W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace, W. M., presided. The W. M. is also District Chaplain. I was again fortunate in being accompanied by W. Bro. J. J. Thompson and Bro. Gregg, of Toronto. W. Bros. J. B. Gould and R. A. Mason, of Markham Union Lodge, were among other visitors. A candidate was initiated, the W. M. performing his part of the work in a very creditable manner. The work of the other officers, owing to not having opportunity to rehearse together frequently, was not performed with the accuracy that can only be attained through prac-

tice. The regular Deacons were absent. W. Bro. Shankel, P. M., is the Secretary, and the books are kept in a very efficient manner. He is a very enthusiastic Mason, and is a power in the Lodge. The Lodge is prospering, and the future outlook is excellent. The criticisms I made on the performance of the work I am satisfied will prove beneficial, as all appear anxious to be accurate. The best masonic feeling prevails among the brethren. A very successful fourth degree was worked.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: Accompanied by several brethren from my own Lodge, I visited this Lodge officially on February 5th. It was during the snow blockade, and on this account there was a smaller attendance than otherwise would have been the case. Brethren were also present from Robertson Lodge, King; Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, and Bradford. I was introduced to the brethren by W. Bro. Dr. Hillary, an old schoolmate of mine, and was cordially received. W. Bro. Eli Braund, the W. M., was in the chair. Two candidates, in the persons of Dr. Butler and Mr. Filkins, were initiated. The work throughout was well done. The junior officers deserve special mention for their promptness and exactness in the performance of their duties. The Lodge was also opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the Lodge is in a flourishing condition. The building is their own, and is practically paid for; the small amount remaining unpaid is shared up among the brethren. The P. M.'s take an active interest in the work, and the attendance at the regular meetings is above the average. The fourth degree was worked in the Lodge room. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, bringing forth some good speeches. W. Bro. Braund made an acceptable toast-master.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: I visited this Lodge officially on March 14th and found a good attendance of members and a large number of visitors from other city Lodges. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. John Watson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. J. W. Jones, D. of C., and was very cordially received by the W. M. and brethren. Two candidates, Messrs. Page and Aldridge, were initiated. The W. M., V. W. Bro. W. H. Hutchinson, performed the ceremony, as a whole, in a very creditable manner. He was ably supported by his officers. The S. W., Bro. Wilbur Jones, and Bro. C. Rockwood, I. W.,

are particularly worthy of notice, for the very efficient pleasant and able manner they conducted their part of the work. W. Bro. George Wilson is permanent Secretary, and he does his work well. The Lodge is in fairly good circumstances, having a balance in the bank, and although not doing the work of last year are progressing steadily. The quartette, composed of Bros. Taylor, Twigg, Rugg and Blight, did good service during the ceremony and at the banquet which followed. Many P. M's take an active interest in the work, and the W. M. finds them a great help to him. My criticisms were received in this as in other city Lodges in the kindest manner possible, the object of all being improvement and uniformity in the work.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: This is the home of R. W. Bro. Harvey Gould, and I was accorded a very hearty welcome upon visiting this Lodge on April 25th. I again had the pleasure of W. Bro. Thompson's company at this visit. Visitors were also present from King Edward, Richmond and Markham Union Lodges. W. Bro. Dr. Clarke, W. M., and his officers worked the third degree. The Lodge was indebted to King Edward Lodge for the candidate, and if Bro. Ruan is a sample of the way King Edward Lodge prepares its candidates for advancement, its success as a good working Lodge is assured. The W. M. is but three years old in Masonry, and this in itself is sufficient guarantee that he must be a good worker in the Craft. V. W. Bro. Nutting is this year filling the S. Warden's chair. Taking into consideration that this is the first time the third degree has been worked by the W. M. the exemplification was very satisfactory. All the junior officers were very exact, and the floor work was particularly well done. The Lodge room is one of the cosiest in the District, and the walls are adorned by beautiful oil paintings worked by a late member of the Lodge. All the paintings refer to some part of the Masonic work, and are priceless in value to the members. The books are well kept, finances good, and the outlook prosperous.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: I visited this Lodge officially on May 4th, being accompanied from Toronto by W. Bros. Douglas and Walsh, both being P. M's of Brougham Union Lodge, and who still take an active interest in the welfare of the Lodge. I found a number of enthusiastic Masons awaiting me in the Lodge room, which, although not all that could be desired, is the

best available, and it is almost a certainty that more up-to-date quarters will be furnished very shortly. W. Bro. R. Forsythe is the W. M., and is a very hard Masonic worker, and is supported by officers who, under the circumstances, perform their respective duties efficiently. Bros. Wilkinson and Brown were given the second degree, and Bro. Wilkinson was decidedly the brightest candidate for advancement I have yet met, having even the obligation word-proof. W. Bro. Dr. Brodie, although not affiliated, is a great help to the Lodge, and being a skilled brother, aids materially in the work. The opening and closing work in the several degrees was well done. Finances are in good shape, books well kept, and future prospects bright.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: Doric's Irish night, March 17th, was the occasion of my official visit. M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, D. G. M., also visited the Lodge on the same evening, and many other Grand Lodge officers. The other city Lodges were represented by their Master and Wardens. W. Bro. A. E. Burgess, W. M., presided. The third degree was worked to the accompaniment of music, which added greatly to the impressiveness and sublimity of the work. Bro. Cregg was the candidate. The W. M. and his officers are deserving of great praise for the excellent manner in which the work of the degree was performed. R. W. Bro. Collins and V. W. Bro. Cowan were each presented with a magnificent diamond scarf pin by the Grand Master, on behalf of Doric Lodge, for valuable services rendered during the past Masonic year. At the banquet which followed, presided over by the W. M., an excellent address was given by the Grand Master, especially adapted to Irish night. Special music was provided and greatly enjoyed. Over three hundred partook of the hospitality of Doric on this occasion. The Lodge is still enjoying its wave of prosperity, and perfect harmony prevails. W. Bro. Burgess makes an excellent presiding officer, and is ably supported by his subordinate officers. Bro. H. E. Griffiths makes an efficient Secretary.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: I spent a most enjoyable evening on my official visit to Orient Lodge on the 5th of April. I was introduced to the brethren by W. Bro. A. B. Crosby, a P. M. of Orient, and a personal friend of my own, and was accorded a most hearty wel-

come by the W. M. and members. W. Bro. George N. Ferrier, the W. M., and his officers initiated a candidate, and the work was done exceedingly well. The W. M. is an expert ritualist, and the work was done throughout with great precision and impressiveness. The Junior Warden's lecture, as given by Bro. Pearson, deserves special mention at my hands, as I have never had the opportunity of seeing it more beautifully rendered and more clearly explained than on this occasion. All the officers, without exception, have their work well up. R. W. Bro. Inwood, P. D. D. G. M., still takes a lively interest in the work, and made an excellent speech both in the Lodge room and at the banquet. I can easily understand why the register shows such a good attendance at each meeting when the work is presented in such a masterly manner. W. Bro. F. H. Anderson is permanent Secretary, and the members show much wisdom in keeping him in that position. Orient Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and its future prospects are very bright. I was pleased to again have the company of W. Bro. J. J. Thompson. W. Bro. James Cherry and W. Bro. Chisholm and officers of St. John's were also present. An excellent musical program was given at the fourth degree, which proved not the least interesting of a most delightful evening.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: I visited this Lodge on January 2nd, 1904, and it being one of the coldest nights of the year I was surprised to find so many present, besides R. W. Bro. Allan, Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins, P. D. D. G. M., the W. M's of Ashlar, Doric and Zeta Lodges paid fraternal visits, accompanied in each case by members from their respective Lodges. W. Bro. Martin, W. M., occupied the chair and raised Bro. Holten to the sublime degree in a very creditable manner. He was ably supported throughout by his other officers, and taken as a whole it has seldom been my lot to have seen the degree better exemplified. This Lodge possesses a good choir, and the part taken by them added much to the impressiveness of the degree. I was pleased to notice that the W. M. and his Wardens were very quick to correct any errors pointed out in the work. I found the books of the Secretary well kept, the property amply insured, and the Lodge in good financial standing and prosperous condition. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and were loud in praises of the hospitality shown by Georgina Lodge.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: I visited this Lodge on the evening of January 27th, and owing to the snow blockade there was not as large an attendance as otherwise would have been the case. W. Bro. H. Lacey, the Worshipful Master, was not present owing to illness, and W. Bro. Kift, P. M., the efficient Secretary of the Lodge, occupied the chair, and opened up and closed in the second and third degrees. The other chairs being filled by brethren *pro tem*, the work was not as efficient as would have been the case had the regular officers been in charge. Three candidates were initiated by W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, P. M. of St. George's Lodge, Toronto, assisted by W. Bros. Foster and Kift, P. M's of Brock Lodge, the S. Warden's chair being ably filled by Bro. Gregg, of Zeta Lodge, Toronto. This Lodge is steadily increasing in membership, and are in good circumstances financially, and I feel satisfied if I had visited them at a more favorable time, when the chairs could have been filled by the regular officers, the work would have been much better performed in so far as the opening and closing ceremonies were concerned. A very pleasant hour was spent at the fourth degree, W. Bro. Kift making an excellent toast-master.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: I made my official visit to this Lodge on March 4th. W. Bro. H. Meadows, the W. M., presided, and initiated Mr. Peviat. He with his officers did the work well. The J. W., Bro. Brennan, gave the lecture in good style, and Bro. Shoff, S. W., filled that chair very ably. The Lodge was also opened and closed in the other degrees. The brethren, as evinced by the questions asked, are anxious to perfect themselves in the work. Secretary Gallaher has his books in good shape. The Lodge's finances are satisfactory, and very few members in arrears. The W. M. is ably supported by such old P. M's as W. Bros. John J. Thompson, J. W. Hickson and Wm. Guy. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation, by W. Bro. Spry, on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. W. Ball, for services rendered, a beautiful silver tea service and tray. This Lodge has an excellent choir under the leadership of Bro. Musgrave. The choir proved an important factor during the ceremony and at the banquet. The brethren have a faculty of making visitors feel perfectly at home, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. St. George's cannot help but prosper working as they do so harmoniously together.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: I spent a very pleasant evening when paying my official visit to this Lodge on March 25th. It was a very wet night, and consequently there was not a large turnout, as the W. M. had hoped. Mr. Stephenson was initiated, and made an excellent candidate. The ceremony was performed by the W. M., W. Bro. George McQuillan. He proved himself a good workman. He was ably assisted by his Wardens and other officers. The S. W., Bro. D. Grigg, is an expert ritualist. W. Bro. Todd, a member of the Craft for forty-five years, and a charter member of Zeta Lodge, delivered the charge. He, with W. Bro. Malcolm, introduced me to the Lodge. W. Bros. Mitchell and Dr. Griffith and Bro. J. W. Carter are pillars of the Lodge, and active workers for the good of Masonry. Bro. E. A. Faulds is permanent Secretary, and in this, as in other Lodges, I find less arrearages of dues where the Secretary is a fixture. I was accompanied by W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, and he proved quite an acquisition in the fourth degree as an after-dinner speaker. The prospects of the Lodge are good, and the members all very enthusiastic and working harmoniously together. The Lodge was also opened and closed in the second and third degrees correctly.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: I visited this Lodge officially on February 25th, and being a total stranger to the brethren I very properly had to stand a very rigid board of trial, for which I afterwards complimented them. There was a small attendance owing to the bad state of the roads. The Lodge is progressing forward slowly, the membership at present being about 40. W. Bro. R. E. Johnston, the W. M., occupied the chair and worked very creditably the third degree, the candidate being Bro. Fred Nighswander. He had been well pre-prepared, answering the questions correctly and passing unaided the examination by the Wardens. W. Bro. Kerr, an old P. M., although 76 years old, attends the Lodge regularly, and is this year J. W., and he did his work well. Secretary Every keeps the books in good shape. The Lodge room is very comfortable, and the Lodge financially is in good shape. My criticisms were taken in the proper spirit, the aim of the officers being to excel in the work. Fraternal visits to sister Lodges would prove very beneficial to the officers. I felt perfectly at home among the brethren, and I think all spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: The occasion of my official visit to Acacia Lodge on the 18th of April was the opening of their new hall. The brethren are to be congratulated upon obtaining such excellent quarters. They now possess one of the best lodge rooms in the District, with convenient ante and refreshment room, and handsomely furnished throughout. It was not to be expected that in new surroundings the W. M. and his officers would perform the work in a manner as efficient as they would otherwise have done, they not even having an opportunity of a rehearsal prior to the opening. W. Bro. C. Fitzpatrick, the W. M., initiated Mr. T. H. Robinson into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and he with his officers did the work in a very satisfactory manner. The Junior Warden's work was particularly good. The Lodge was also opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Secretary Patterson keeps his books neatly and accurately. Owing to the nature of the membership the arrearages of dues are large. This is the mother Lodge of V. W. Bro. Parsell, and this in itself is sufficient reason that the brethren spent a very pleasant evening. I was accompanied by W. Bros. J. J. Thompson, of St. George's Lodge, and W. Bro. Brown, of York Lodge. Several W. Bros. from Orient, Rehoboam and other city lodges were also present. A bright future is in store for Acacia, and the whole District will be pleased to know that after suffering such great privations they are again in comfortable quarters.

King Edward Lodge, under dispensation, Sunderland: I paid an official visit to this Lodge on June 29th. I found the brethren assembled in their new commodious Lodge room, suitable in every respect for the assembling of the Craft. The room is well furnished, nicely decorated, and has in connection a separate apartment for refreshments. Bro. Joseph Thompson, the W. M., presided, and exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the other degrees. The officers of the Lodge have only had since February to perfect themselves in the work, and not having the advantage of being in office before, it might be naturally expected they would not be able to perform the work very efficiently, but I am pleased to report that the manner in which the work was performed throughout would reflect great credit on a much older Lodge. The junior officers ably assisted the W. M. in the work, and the J. D. is especially worthy of notice.

The Lodge is in good financial condition, and in Bro. Sutherland have a painstaking and efficient Secretary. The material that is being taken is of the very best, and the future of King Edward Lodge looks very bright. R. W. Bro. Gould and several other brethren from Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, visited on the same evening. I have not the least hesitation in asking Grand Lodge to grant King Edward Lodge a warrant at this session of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I again thank the brethren for their hearty co-operation, the kindly manner in which my criticisms were received, and for their ready compliance in adopting any suggestions I may have made. I beg to thank more especially the P. D. D. G. M's in the District for their advice in matters pertaining to the Craft, which was freely and gladly given whenever solicited. I have spent a very pleasant year among you, one that will not soon be forgotten, and my desire is that the Fraternity may continue to prosper and flourish.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

H. A. NICHOLLS, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto East District No. 11A.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11A, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.		
16	St. Andr'ws	Toronto	310	12	16	15	17	5	1	4	3	3	10	7	17	58	200	76	33	\$289	50	June 24, '04	Pros'us	Good	Yes	Trust	
23	Richmond.	Richmond Hill	38	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	3	19	55	June 24, '03	Good	Yes	\$2500 00
25	Ionic	Toronto	252	5	8	5	6	7	2	3	3	5	9	3	12	38	277	50	5	25	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
75	St. John's	Toronto	245	6	18	13	10	3	1	4	5	7	11	4	15	48	84	68	50	330	25	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
87	Mark m U.	Markham	45	11	8	2	4	2	6	2	2	13	1	14	18	5	00	12	28	50	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
97	Sharon	Sharon	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	00	12	28	50	June 24, '04	Fair	Yes	200 00	
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	64	13	9	9	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	00	11	45	00	June 26, '03	Good	Yes	300 00	
125	Rising Sun.	Aurora	66	6	7	6	6	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	00	11	45	00	Dec. 27, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	1700 00
136	Richards'n	Stouffville	53	7	7	6	4	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	82	50	3	25	00	Dec. 28, '03	Good	Yes	200 00	
218	Stevens'n	Toronto	227	4	14	16	20	1	5	10	4	11	6	17	52	50	00	14	40	50	.....	.....	Br ght	Yes	1000 00	
229	Zeredatha.	Uxbridge	43	3	9	6	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	39	.....	.....	.....	Good	Yes	.....	
269	Brough'n U.	Claremont	49	2	5	6	7	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	40	50	.....	.....	Good	Yes	300 00	
316	Doric	Toronto	212	72	65	67	63	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	00	6	289	39	Dec., 1903	Good	Trust		
339	Orient	Toronto	21	32	28	22	21	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	00	11	181	90	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Trust		
343	Georgina	Toronto	235	10	22	18	19	2	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	181	90	22	702	50	Dec. 27, '03	Excell'nt	Yes	1500 00	
354	Brock	Cannington	62	3	8	7	6	4	3	3	2	4	2	6	18	56	20	00	11	25	00	Dec. 27, '03	Bright	Yes	1300 00		
367	St. George.	Toronto	199	17	20	18	5	4	1	3	9	3	1	9	19	53	20	00	10	300	00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
410	Zeta	Toronto	160	22	29	23	22	1	1	3	9	3	1	9	19	53	20	00	22	161	25	June 28, '03	Good	V'y Good	Yes	1500 00	
424	Doric	Pickering	38	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	00	1	3	00	June 24, '03	Fair	Yes	250 00	
30	Acacia	Fast Toronto.	112	8	7	7	5	2	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	00	31	241	40	July, 1903	Fair	Yes	1000 00	
U D	Kingd'w	Sunderland	304	16	15	14	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	241	40	.....	.....	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	500 00	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

At the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master I beg to report on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District No. 12 during the past year, and in doing so, I must express my great regret that circumstances make it necessary that some one other than the District Deputy Grand Master should be called on to undertake this important duty.

Shortly after the last Annual Communication our late R. W. Bro. John Moffatt, D. D. G. M., became ill, and though it was hoped for some time that he might recover, yet he speedily became worse and gradually sank until death relieved him of his suffering in May last.

Through his untimely death Masonry in this District has lost a distinguished member, who always endeavored to exemplify the principles of Masonry in his own life, and who was ever ready to assist a worthy brother in distress. Owing to his illness he was not able to visit any of the Lodges in the District, except Norwood, No. 223, and Havelock, No. 435, in consequence of which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. D. Burke Simpson, of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, to visit officially the following Lodges in the District, namely: Lebanon, No. 139, Oshawa; Jerusalem, No. 31, Bowmanville; Orono, No. 325, Orono; Cedar, No. 270, Oshawa; Durham, No. 66, Newcastle; Composite, No. 30, Whitby, and Mount Zion, No. 39, Brooklin, and I beg to submit his report as follows:

By R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson—

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: W. M., W. Bro. W. A. Hare; Secretary, Bro. W. E. N. Sinclair. I visited this Lodge on the 10th day of May, 1904. Although the members had but three days' notice of my visit, there was a large attendance. The work of the evening was a raising, and was well done by W. Bro. Hare and his offi-

cers. A glance over the registration book before entering the Lodge afforded conclusive proof of the interest taken in Masonry in Lebanon Lodge. The personnel speaks highly for the guard at the portals. The fourth degree well maintained the reputation of the Lodge, and the attendance and remarks of a few of the members of Cedar Lodge showed the good feeling which prevailed. My remarks on the necessity of the Lodge doing its share towards the Semi-Centennial Fund were well received, but appeared to have been unnecessary, as the Worshipful Master was able to report that as a committee of one he had fully agitated the question and the amount levied on his Lodge would be over subscribed. Altogether I may say that Lebanon Lodge is a credit to Masonry. With a Secretary of the standing of Bro. Sinclair it is unnecessary to say the books are well kept, the dues well paid, and the Lodge in a flourishing condition.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: W. M., W. Bro. Moorcraft; Secretary, Bro. C. B. Kent. My home Lodge, I visited on their regular meeting on the 25th May, 1904. The work was a passing and a raising, the former being done faultlessly by the W. M. and his regular officers. All the regular officers were in attendance, and a full meeting as well, of whom very many were P. M's. The raising was exemplified by veterans W. Bros. Bounsell and Spry, and left nothing to be said; they knew their work and understood it. Jerusalem Lodge for a long period has had splendid officers, who created a standard of efficiency which is not permitted in any way to be diminished. Jerusalem Lodge is contemplating new quarters, and it is thought when they are finished will rival anything outside of the large cities. The finances of the Lodge are in splendid shape. The prospects are excellent.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: W. M., W. Bro. James Gilfillan; Secretary, W. Bro. R. Z. Hall. I visited this Lodge on the 26th May, 1904, at its regular meeting. I was accompanied by the W. M. of Jerusalem Lodge. The night threatened rain, and about an hour before the time of meeting it rained very hard. The attendance was, for this reason, unusually small, only twelve in attendance. There was no work ready, although I was informed it was expected that a brother was in line to take his passing. The principal business was the election of officers. It resulted in the retirement of W. Bro. Colville and the election of Bro. Gilfillan. Under the charge of W. Bro. Col-

ville the Lodge had shown great advancement, and the finances have been put into a safe condition. Under Bro. Colville the Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, and I can only use words of the highest praise for the perfect manner in which it was done by every one of the officers. It would be impossible to distinguish among them, but the main credit of course must attach to the W. M. for his insistence upon good work and shows that he has performed his whole duty in employing and instructing his brethren in Masonry. A committee was appointed of W. Bros. Colville and Smith to collect subscriptions to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and every brother present signed it at once.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: W. M., W. Bro. Slein; Secretary, W. Bro. L. K. Murton. I visited this Lodge on the evening of May 31st, 1904. Their regular meeting should have been held on the holiday, May 24th, but the W. M. and officers thought it better to hold an emergent meeting on this date, believing a better attendance would be secured. The third degree work was creditably exemplified by the W. M. and his officers, as well as the opening and closing in the three degrees. The material in this Lodge is excellent, and the work should be and is carefully done. Nothing need be said of the state of the books except that they are in charge of that well tried W. Bro. Murton. The Semi-Centennial Fund will be taken up in earnest and its proper proportion will be subscribed by Cedar Lodge.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: W. M., W. Bro. J. K. Allen; Secretary, Bro. Jos. Coulson. I visited this Lodge on the evening of the first day of June at an emergent meeting called to suit my convenience. A candidate was passed to the Fellowcraft degree by the W. M. The attendance was small, but the brethren were very enthusiastic, and a determination seemed to prevail among the brethren to put this Lodge on a better footing. The Lodge is very much circumscribed in this jurisdiction and has many difficulties. All enjoyed the fourth degree, held in the home of the W. M., and his ability to cater well was conceded by all present. The W. M. set a splendid example in the endeavor to raise the share of the Semi-Centennial Fund coming from Durham by the splendid contribution with which he headed the list.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: W. M., W. Bro. Jas. H. Nicholson; Secretary, Bro. Jos. White. A splen-

did lodge, a splendid turnout, a splendid lot of workers. Composite Lodge is one of the lucky and representative Lodges. Careless work has no place in it. The watchful eyes of R. W. Bro, V. W. Bro. Taylor and W. Bro. Britton prevents all slips from order and grace. It was a charm and a privilege to see and hear the work of passing a most intelligent and bright candidate to the Fellowcraft degree, exemplified by the W. M. and other officers, assisted by W. Bro. Britton and R. W. Bro. Ross, the latter giving the charge in an inimitable style worthy of praise. The fourth degree was a feast of reason. I received altogether too flattering commendation on my address, but I trust it will do some good. The remarks I made on the Semi-Centennial Fund in delivering the message committed to me by the M. W. the Grand Master seemed to dispel all doubts from the minds from any doubters, and I received a promise that Composite Lodge would at an early date report its subscription fully maintained as to proper amount. The membership of this Lodge is thoroughly representative of the best citizens of Whitby and surrounding country. The Lodge is progressive, constantly growing, the dues are well paid, the Secretary's books show care and close attention to the services which go to making a Lodge successful, and progress and pride in the Order seems to be the constant maxim of the brethren. The most extreme pleasure attended my visit to Composite Lodge.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: W. M., W. Bro. Chas. Calder; Secretary, Bro. James Moore, M. D. I visited this Lodge on the evening of June 3rd, 1904. The work of the second degree was charmingly exemplified by W. Bro. Dr. John Moore at the request of the W. M. The W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner, showing great care in his preparation and much deliberation and impressiveness in his diction. It is distinctly a country Lodge, and I heard much of the difficulties encountered in the stormy weather of last winter in giving attendance when the distances covered by the officers ran into many miles. The attendance of the P. M's was very noticeable, and seemed complete corroboration to the statements of W. Bro. Moore at the fourth degree that the turning points in the dark days of Mount Zion had been passed, and that it was on the broad road to soon occupying its proud position of one of the foremost Lodges in Canada for quality of men and excel-

lence of work. W. Bro. Smith is a whole host in himself, and when assisted by W. Bro. Scott and the other W. Bros. referred to the visit of the D. D. G. M. becomes an enticing pleasure. Mount Zion took kindly to my presentation of the necessity for the Semi-Centennial Fund and promised that its share would be repaid for a long and late drive.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood, of Peterboro, to visit officially the following Lodges, namely:

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope; Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope; J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook, and I beg to submit his report as follows:

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope: W. Bro. W. G. Noble, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, Secretary. On Thursday the 19th May I attended the regular meeting of this Lodge and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason degree by the W. M., W. Bro. Noble, and his officers, and am pleased to report that the high standard of the work of former years in this Lodge has been maintained, and so long as the Past Masters, including several P. D. D. G. M's, continue to interest themselves in the welfare of the Lodge there may be no anxiety about the prosperity of Ontario Lodge, No. 26. It has been an ambition of this Lodge to reach a membership expressed in three figures, and this they have now attained, the number of the roll being 114. There is a goodly surplus in the bank to the credit of the Lodge, and R. W. Bro. Robertson makes a model Secretary.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: W. Bro. D. Hampton, W. M.; Bro. Chas. Thorndyke, Secretary. On Thursday, May 26th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall, V. W. Bro. R. A. Morrow, and W. Bros. F. D. McKay, Duncan Walker and Henderson Nesbitt, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro, I visited J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook, where I found a rather unique situation. This Lodge has done no work for about a year and a half, and yet the regular meetings have all been held with probably one exception. The attendance of the members has been fairly good, and that of the officers particularly good. The dues are well paid up and the finances of the institution in a very prosperous condition. W. Bro. Hampton and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the various degrees quite satisfactorily, and I am confident that when opportunity offers

they will confer the different degrees with credit to themselves and advantage to Masonry.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope: W. Bro. Wm. Clapp, W. M.; W. Bro. Thos. H. Bell, Secretary. On Friday, 3rd June, I visited Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree by W. Bro. Clapp and his officers, and I have to commend the officers, and especially the W. M., for their close application to duty. The conduct of the ceremonies bear evidence of constant and careful study. This Lodge is increasing rapidly in numbers. The dues are well paid up. The efficient Secretary keeps a firm hand on the affairs of the Lodge, and Masonry in Port Hope is prosperous.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, of The Spry Lodge, Fenelon, to visit officially the following Lodges, namely: North Entrance Lodge (U. D.), Haliburton; Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden; Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount; Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry; Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon, and Victoria Lodge, No. 308, Kirkfield, and I beg to submit his report as follows:

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: I visited this Lodge on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, and met a hearty reception. There was a large attendance and a number of visitors from surrounding Lodges, W. Bro. Clark and W. Bro. Navison, of Uxbridge, being present. In the absence of the W. Master, W. Bro. Beatty performed the duties of W. M. The work of the evening was the initiation of a candidate, and the work was very well done. This Lodge is in a good prosperous condition. The Lodge room is large and well furnished. Harmony prevails among the brethren, as was evidenced during the election of officers for the ensuing year, which took place at this meeting, no second ballot being needed. The Secretary, W. Bro. Spence, is a painstaking officer, and his books are neatly and well kept.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden: I visited this Lodge on Friday, the 27th day of May. There was a good attendance. The work of the evening was the passing of a candidate. The work of the W. M. was well done, but the Wardens on this occasion seemed timid. They should give more time to their work. The other officers were well up. The Lodge room, though small, is neat and well furnished. The members take an active interest in

its welfare. It is in a strong financial condition, and has a good bank account. The Secretary is a careful, painstaking officer, and his books are models of neatness.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount: I visited this Lodge on Thursday, the 26th day of May, and had the pleasure of seeing a candidate raised. The work was fairly well done, especially that of the W. M. There were six candidates balloted for and three were rejected, showing that they are careful as to the material they admit. The attendance was good, and better than I expected owing to the bad night. This is one of the neatest furnished Lodge rooms in the District, and the officers and members take great interest in its welfare. It is in good financial standing, and under W. Bro. Brandon's guidance there is no fear of it sustaining its past reputation. The Secretary's books are well kept.

North Entrance (U. D.), Haliburton: By command of the M. W. the Grand Master I visited this Lodge on the 25th day of May, when I had the pleasure of seeing a candidate raised. The work was done in a most excellent manner, the opening and closing in the several degrees being perfect. Every officer in this Lodge has his work well up and takes pains in doing it. This Lodge was only instituted about eight months ago, and it gives me pleasure to report it out of debt and a surplus on hand. The Lodge room is small, but comfortably and neatly furnished. The brethren are looking forward to obtaining a new Lodge room in the near future. The Secretary is a painstaking officer and his books are well kept. A Lodge composed of such officers and members as this one is sure to succeed.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield: At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I visited this Lodge on Friday, the 24th of June. There was a good attendance, and the work of the evening was an initiation. W. Bro. Musgrove exemplified the work in an excellent manner. The dues are paid up; the Lodge room neat and comfortable. Since the removal of this Lodge from Victoria Road to Kirkfield it has made steady progress. Bro. McClelland, the Secretary, is a careful and efficient officer.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bodcaygeon: At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I visited this Lodge on Friday, July 8th. The attendance was small, owing, no doubt, to the season of the year. The work of the evening was the passing of a candidate, and the work was very

well done. The prospects of this Lodge are brighter now than for some time. W. Bro. Stewart, the Secretary, reports the dues well paid up. He is a careful, painstaking officer, and an enthusiastic Mason.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. J. M. Shaw to visit officially the following Lodges: Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield; Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough; Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee; Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene, and I beg to submit his report as follows:

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: In company with W. Bro. R. N. English and a goodly number from Peterborough, I visited this, my mother Lodge, on June 7th. The work was a F. C. and showed very great care by both officers and candidate. This Lodge has honored their veteran Secretary by electing Bro. R. C. Dench, S. W., an honor well deserved, for long and faithful services. The books are well kept and dues well paid up. The members are very enthusiastic over the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I expect that the full amount will be paid over.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough: I visited this Lodge on June 15th, and as I expected, was well received. The work consisted of an E. A. and M. M., and could not be done any better anywhere. Among the visitors I may mention were R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M. No. 14; W. Bros. Armour, Mount Zion, No. 39, and R. N. English, Keene, No. 374. R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, P. D. D. G. M., is Secretary, and is a first-class one; in fact, none better, as dues are very well paid up and books A1. This Lodge has taken very great interest in the Semi-Centennial Fund and expects to pay in the full amount asked.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee: Owing to the funeral of our late R. W. Bro. Dr. Moffatt I was unable to visit this Lodge on their regular meeting, but W. Bro. McCrae, the W. M., was kind enough to call an emergent meeting on June 20. The work was a F. C., and was well put on, although both Wardens were not on hand. This Lodge has started a new life, and if the old trouble with G. L. can only be fixed up will, I am sure, show good results in the future, and I most heartily endorse the remarks of R. W. Bro. Simpson and sincerely hope that Grand Lodge will cancel the amount claimed. The books have been badly kept in the past, but with W. Bro. Cameron in charge there will be no more trouble.

Keene Lodge, No. 374. Keene: This is the Lodge of which I am a member, and as I have been Secretary for a very long time all I can say is that I am only fairly well satisfied with the way the dues are collected. The P. M.'s all take a lively interest in the work, and it is always well done. We have lost two of our oldest members by death since Grand Lodge met, viz., W. Bro. Thos. Blezard, ex-M. P. P., and R. W. Bro. Dr. J. C. Moffatt, D. D. G. M. No. 12. The members are in favor of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I fully expect that the full amount will be paid in by the meeting of the Grand Lodge. The prospects of these Lodges are all good.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. Walkey, of Peterborough, to visit officially the following Lodges: Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough; Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, and I beg to submit his report as follows:

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough: W. Bro. Henderson Nesbitt, W. M.; Bro. T. F. Matthews, Secretary. In obedience to the request of the Grand Master I visited this Lodge, acting as D. D. G. M., at the regular meeting on Friday, May 20th, 1904, and received a most hearty and enthusiastic reception from the large number of members and visitors present. Corinthian Lodge is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and an abundant supply of good material for initiation is always forthcoming. The Lodge is well officered, the brethren loyal, and the Past Masters thoroughly alive to their responsibilities, taking an active interest in all that tends to the welfare of the Craft, and Corinthian Lodge in particular. The work exemplified was an initiation and a passing. Both these degrees were conferred in a faultless manner. The W. M. puts a depth of feeling into his work which I have seldom seen equalled. The Wardens, Bros. Kenner and Bradburn, delivered their lectures in their respective degrees in a manner above criticism. The Deacons are a pair of stalwarts, and handle their candidates with neatness and dispatch, the work of the J. D. being worthy of special mention. Although marked by a military precision, yet it is performed in such a brotherly way as to completely allay any feeling of nervousness in the poor candidate, who may for the time be entrusted to his guidance. The books are well kept and the dues sharply collected. The fourth degree was a par with the others, a sumptuous banquet, with toast, speech

and song and universal good fellowship, closing one of the most pleasant Masonic visitations it has been my privilege to enjoy.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: W. Bro. C. F. Reeves, W. M.; Bro. R. G. Corneil, Secretary. Acting in the capacity of D. D. G. M., and accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, I paid this Lodge an official visit at the regular meeting on June 3rd, 1904. This being the third year in succession I have had the honor of inspecting the work of this Lodge, I am pleased to state that it is quite up to the high standard of past years. There is still a lamentable lack of interest taken by the P. Masters of this Lodge, quite a contrast to most Lodges in the District. I would most strongly exhort the P. M's of No. 77 to manifest their zeal for the well being of the Lodge by more frequent attendance and thereby encourage both officers and members not only in the presentation of the work but also in the exemplification of the tenets of fundamental principles of the Order. The labors of the evening consisted of an initiation and a passing. W. Bro. Reeves is an easy, correct, and untiring worker. He is assisted by Wardens who perform the routine duties and deliver the lectures in a correct, pleasing and impressive manner. The Deacons understand their duties and perform them well. Bro. Corneil still records the acts and transactions in the most clear and comprehensive manner, and reports the subscriptions well paid up.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: W. Bro. the Rev. Mr. Garbutt, W. M.; V. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, Secretary. At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I paid an official visit to The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls. There was a good attendance and the greatest harmony prevailed. In looking through the register I was surprised to see so high an average for so small a Lodge. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the third degree was conferred on a candidate in a manner that could not fail to impress strongly the mind of the recipient. The Lodge has been fortunate indeed in having the Rev. Mr. Garbutt for its presiding officer. He knows his work and performs the duties with great satisfaction and efficiency. The Semi-Centennial Fund collections were completed, and I understand the full amount for the year has been paid in to the M. W. the Grand Treasurer. The prosperity this Lodge enjoys is much enhanced by its energetic and

systematic Secretary, R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, whose duties are performed in the most efficient manner.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: W. Bro. Neil Rutherford, W. M. I visited this Lodge on June 24th, 1904. Owing to the intense heat of the evening, and a counter attraction for members, namely, a lawn picnic on the lake shore, there was a very small attendance. What with the S. W. and J. D. retiring before the work was entered upon, and the absence of other officers, the W. M. had some difficulty in filling the chairs. It is not to be expected that members who have never been in office can know accurately the duties pertaining to such offices, yet the substitutes did very well, even better than I expected. The third degree was conferred on a candidate, and it was pleasing to me to observe how efficiently the W. M. did his work. The Secretary performs his duties satisfactorily, as his minute book shows. The Semi-Centennial Fund was not all collected, but an effort I am sure will be made to complete it at once.

All of which I fraternally submit.

D. R. ANDERSON,

P. M. Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's Conf'd			M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.					
						E. A.	F. C.	Total.							Regular.	Emergent.															
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	40	31	0	10	16	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	15	7	22	19	123	00	20	5	\$13 35	June 24, '03	Good	Bright	Yes	\$1500 00		
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	76	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	11	18	20	00	5	3	16	00	July 6, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00	
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	77	3	5	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	4	16	24	29	50	6	75	00	Dec. 23, '03	Excellent	Bright	Yes	1000 00	
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	30	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	8	2	10	12	10	00	6	3	76	00	Feb. 24, '04	Good	Good	No	500 00	
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	8	6	100	00	10	3	37	00	June 24, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	315 00	
77	Faithful B.....	Lindsay.....	119	9	12	7	6	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	15	24	100	00	10	3	42	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	121	13	4	11	10	8	2	6	6	6	6	6	1	2	12	15	24	94	25	03	3	100	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00	
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	100	9	1	7	8	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	30	40	00	92	6	100	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	72	5	5	5	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	12	00	6	6	25	00	Dec. 30, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	51	22	5	11	14	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	8	8	12	5	25	00	11	1	51	50	Dec. 27, '03	Excellent	Fair	Yes	200 00	
155	Peterboro.....	Peterborough.....	183	22	7	19	11	14	2	1	3	3	3	3	1	4	14	6	20	44	25	00	11	28	63	June 24, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	1100 00	
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	71	92	22	13	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	14	4	4	8	03	00	Dec., 1903	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
268	Vernum.....	Pobcaygeon.....	35	4	1	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	18	31	25	14	8	03	00	Dec., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	69	3	3	2	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	20	5	00	19	8	163	27	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	61	5	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	20	32	00	6	7	19	60	Dec., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	33	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	15	00	7	2	30	00	Dec., 1903	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00	
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	31	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	14	10	00	1	6	00	June 24, '03	Good	Fair	No	150 00	
375	Lorne.....	Oronoe.....	31	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	14	10	00	1	6	00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	39	5	4	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	6	12	5	00	2	2	18	00	June 30, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
406	The Spy.....	Fenelon Falls.....	59	7	3	7	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	9	14	17	00	2	2	14	00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00	
408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	46	7	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	16	15	20	00	5	5	24	00	June 27, '03	Good	Bright	Yes	150 00	
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	80	7	4	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	27	20	00	5	5	24	00	June 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	77	9	8	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	25	20	00	6	6	24	00	Feb., '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	48	5	4	4	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	18	36	00	1	1	36	00	Jan. 23, '04	Good	Good	Yes	150 00	
451	Somerville.....	Kilmount.....	55	12	4	12	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	25	18	45	00	1	1	6	50	Dec. 31, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
U D	N. Enfr nce.....	Haliburton.....	33	...	...	10	11	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	19	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	May 25, '04	Good	Good	Yes	175 00

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present a very gratifying report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District. The year has shown a respectable increase in membership, and there prevails everywhere an enthusiasm for the Order, an earnest striving for improvement on the part of each Lodge, an intense interest in Masonic research and unbounded loyalty to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Our population has increased by eighty-five during the past year, and while increase of numbers does not always imply prosperity, I am led to think that the new growth in this instance has been an acquisition of a desirable character. I find also even in Lodges burdened with work that the candidate for advancement is required to qualify himself creditably for the next degree, and as a result the number of careless Masons is steadily diminishing, the older brethren finding it necessary to keep pace with the more observant, to the great benefit of all concerned. A greater zeal is manifested for creditable exemplification of the work, and less time is dissipated over minor business squabbles. The financial condition of the District is, on the whole, good, and the rule of annual audit and report is pretty generally observed.

All the Lodges have been visited during the year. To my great regret I was obliged to ask Colborne Lodge, No. 91, and Tweed Lodge, No. 239, to receive me at special meetings on evenings other than Friday, as that evening would demand the sacrifice of an important day in my professional work, but with these exceptions each visit was made on the occasion of the regular meeting, thereby causing the brethren as little inconvenience as possible and affording the official visitor a better opportunity to estimate the condition of the Lodge. In all cases the reception accorded me was most cordial, and the courtesy with which suggestions were received by the brethren could

not but inspire one in his task. I might say that I have answered all questions put by the brethren on points of Masonic law, usage or ritual, with strict regard to truth, having trustworthy grounds for my statements, or else have candidly acknowledged my inability to afford the information, and I would humbly and fraternally exhort my successors to give proper heed to their instructions. It is very bewildering to the brethren to find discrepancies in opinions given by D. D. G. M's from year to year. It is assuredly a duty which every candidate for the position owes to himself and to his confiding brethren to know whereof he speaks or keep silence, and it is unfair to the Order at large to shield ignorance behind an ex-cathedra utterance which lacks foundation. The lavish hospitality and sparkling post-prandial entertainment are so essentially matters of course in Prince Edward District as to call for no special mention, though one is led to think that they are sufficiently unusual in some portions of the jurisdiction to annul the effect of M. W. Bro. Murray's advice.

Brother Secretary is a good officer in this District with very few exceptions. Generally he is a Past Master, in which case he is less prone to error or omission. In many cases he is perennial, which adds to his efficiency. It should be remembered in this connection that the office has few attractions, that those who could transact the business readily are often otherwise too closely engrossed and the work falls to brethren who really accept from a sense of duty, and who, by the aid of a few useful hints from a Past Master, rarely given, might acquit themselves very creditably. It is my intention later to place in the hands of each Secretary a brief compilation which may prove of service to those to whom I have just referred. The younger Secretaries, who would welcome advice, I take the liberty of referring to V. W. Bro. Newton, of Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville; V. W. Bro. Buck, of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, or W. Bro. Keyes, of Colborne Lodge, No. 91, as among the best Secretaries in the District, but I am glad to say there are many others.

Good fellowship and kindly feeling are certainly not on the wane. Everywhere the smile and harmless jest are in evidence, and what is more commendable, deference for the aged and solicitude for their enjoyment. Can there be cited a higher compliment to the great Order to which we belong than the punctual attendance of grey haired men, many of whom have graced her assemblies from

youth? It is a delight to find with us so many "old boys."

"Always youthful and laughing and gay,
Till the last dear companion drops smiling away."

In another sense the year has been unkind. From labor here to refreshment hereafter have been called: Bro. Thos. Walters, January 9th, 1904, and Bro. Fred. Shannon Emmons, February 9th, 1904, of Moira Lodge, No. 11; Bro. George J. Battell, February 29th, 1904, of St. John's Lodge, No. 17; Bro. John N. Gilbert, September 22nd, 1903, and Bro. Jacob I. Fralick, June 1st, 1904, of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18; Bro. L. J. Austin, January 8th, 1904, and Bro. L. Roblin, March 26th, 1904, of United Lodge, No. 29; Bro. David B. Robinson, October 1st, 1903; Bro. Donald Urquhart, December, 1903, Bro. C. F. Smith, January 18th, 1904, and V. W. Bro. W. H. Adams, February 12th, 1904, of The Belleville, No. 123; Bro. Clement Armstrong, November 1st, 1903, Bro. Wm. R. Solmes, June 18th, 1904, Bro. Maynard Dafoe, July 21st, 1903, and Bro. Thos. Crowe, July 27th, 1903, of Franck Lodge, No. 127; Bro. R. T. Hurlbut, October 23rd, 1903, of Percy Lodge, No. 161; Bro. George B. Bleecker, July 10th, 1903, of Marmora Lodge, No. 222; Bro. T. H. Nasmith, September 22nd, 1903, and Bro. Richard H. Brooks, May 18th, 1904, of Craig Lodge, No. 401. Their memory they bequeath us for reverence, their virtues for emulation, their faults, if any, can be detected beneath the broad mantle of a Mason's charity, for warning. A sword-in-hand struggle has reared their edifice from corner-stone to completion. May the World's Great Architect find them worthy and grant them eternal peace.

The brethren of Prince Edward District have embraced the privilege commended by Grand Lodge of attending divine service, as follows: Trent Lodge, No. 38, Sept. 13th, 1903; Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Nov. 8th, 1903; Moira Lodge, No. 11, Dec. 27th, 1903; Colborne Lodge, No. 91, and Marmora Lodge, No. 222, June 19th, 1904; Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, and Tweed Lodge, No. 239, June 26th, 1904, and in each case the splendid efforts put forth in their behalf by the officiating clergymen won the heartiest appreciation of the brethren.

The inauguration of the Semi-Centennial Fund, while

it has involved much extra effort, has been a labor of love, and it is gratifying to note that an awakened interest is displacing the indifference with which its announcement was received at the opening of this Masonic year. It must be acknowledged that room for vast improvement yet remains, but the good cause is steadily gaining, and its ultimate success is assured. I will not believe that Prince Edward District can allow herself to be outdone in this sacred work for the helpless and unfortunate. The great obstacle in the path of any reform is lack of convincing information. Once bring home to the minds and hearts of the Masonic Fraternity in Ontario the actual unquestioned *need* of this fund and the end is in sight.

The Lodges of Prince Edward District present every appearance of progress and prosperity. Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville, the senior Lodge of the District, with no sign of decadence or infirmity, sets a dignified pace for her sisters. It is a pleasure to record that W. Bro. Elvins, with his excellent staff of officers, exemplifies the work of the degrees in a painstaking and impressive manner, and that the social functions under his guidance are admirably sustained.

St. John's, No. 17, Cobourg, has much to commend her. The membership, somewhat out of proportion to her age, embraces a highly creditable class, and with whatever drawbacks she may have had to contend with in the past, it is evident that her present progress is properly directed. To hasten this should be the aim of each member of the Lodge. W. Bro. Bowman proves himself a very efficient Master.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, is the largest Lodge in the District, and shares with the two just mentioned the honor of an origin early in the last century. W. Bro. Colden, a Past Master of many years standing, presides over her destinies and does it well. Correct ritual is his aim, and the growing popularity of the Order in this vicinity has necessitated twenty-three meetings during the year.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton, displays every evidence of lively vigor. A few years ago the fortunes of this splendid old Lodge were waning, but her present rejuvenated condition is proof of what may be done by the energy of a few enthusiastic workers. The dues are now properly handled, and the lesson of the past will be lasting. There is evidently the same spirit at work in all de-

partments. W. Bro. Burke is an excellent Master and does his work exremely well.

In Trent Lodge, No. 38, the brethren of Trenton are fortunate, in good financial condition, membership of first quality steadily increasing, creditable apartments, efficiency and care displayed by W. Bro. Booth and his staff in handling the work; everything, in fact, which bids for prosperity.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc, is second to none in the District. A lively interest in matters Masonic is displayed throughout, not only by the officers but by the rank and file. The Past Masters, and especially W. Bro. Moore, ably support W. Bro. Colling, whose ability in ruling his Lodge and instructing his candidates is largely due, no doubt, to the bright example of his predecessors.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon, bids fair to maintain her present vim for all time. Numbering but forty-five members, she had the misfortune during the spring to lose by fire, not only her place of meeting, but also nearly every other possession. The next meeting, however, was held on schedule time, and I note that her premises are being rebuilt. Her best asset, "Boys of the bulldog breed," will come through the ordeal none the worse for adversity. W. Bro. Locie is in every respect a capable Master.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling, is in many respects a model Lodge, rejoicing in a creditable past and living up to her ideals. In this the hand of her veteran Secretary is apparent, and W. Bro. McGlennon is the sort of efficient officer one expects to find at the head of such a Lodge.

The Belleville, No. 123, Belleville, under the rule of W. Bro. Naylor, keeps well to the front. The ritualistic work, exemplified on the occasion of my visit by W. Bro. McGie, at that time Master of the Lodge, was in every way creditable. The steady prosperity of this, in common with the other Lodges of the city of Belleville, proves that the Order is advanced rather than otherwise by friendly emulation, and the kindest relations appear to exist between the Lodges. The scheme for the improvement of the rooms, held in common by the three Lodges, is now well inaugurated, and the result will be of undoubted benefit, but the old-time welcome which made the present interior so attractive to the visitor cannot be improved.

The Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford, seems to be composed of enthusiastic Masons of a very good class, who are alive to the duties they owe to each other and to the Craft in general. The same spirit which suggested the title of the Lodge to the charter members must have descended to their posterity. W. Bro. Lowry does his work well, the dues are promptly paid, and there is every outward sign of steady adherence to worthy ideals.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, was the scene of my first official visit, November 3rd, 1903. My very esteemed R. W. Bro. Webster, P. D. D. G. M., of Belleville, gave me the support of his presence, which was especially grateful to me at this stage of my career. W. Bro. Ketcheson proved himself perfectly familiar with the ritual, and in every respect reflected credit upon himself and his Lodge. It was my sad privilege, on the following day, to attend with my predecessor, R. W. Bro. O'Flynn and other visiting brethren, the funeral of Bro. Clement Armstrong, one of the charter members of Franck Lodge. Indeed, this year has been one of sadness in many respects to Franck Lodge, but her conduct under misfortune justifies the very high estimate I first formed of her.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, seems in every respect a prosperous Lodge, with a membership roll up to the average, an efficient staff of officers, led by W. Bro. Gerow, and the meetings well attended. On the occasion of my visit, March 30, 1904, I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, of Keene, P. D. D. G. M. of Ontario District, who in an after-dinner speech made an eloquent appeal for the success of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington, has been long under my surveillance, the relations between her sons and the brethren of my mother lodge being of the happiest character. She bears favorable comparison with the other Lodges of the District, and is making flattering progress. Her interests are safe in the hands of W. Bro. Stinson, whose return to the chair last December is ample proof of his capabilities.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg, is also a progressive Lodge. Her proximity to Belleville affords opportunity for frequent exchange of visits between this and the city lodges. W. Bro. Anderson is in every way an efficient and painstaking Master. The membership em-

braces a good class of citizens. Good fellowship prevails, and the financial condition is very gratifying.

Mormora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora, merits the highest praise. Success attends the untiring energy of W. Bro. J. W. Pearce, M. P. P., and his staff of officers. The work exemplified was well nigh faultless, and I met here the best Deacon I have ever seen in any Lodge. The social feature is not neglected, and the brethren know how to entertain.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed, has many bright Masons around her altar, and her chairs are ably filled. W. Bro. Reynolds, who occupies the East for a second term, is proficient in his work and has the confidence of his brethren. The impression one forms is altogether favorable, but I fear there has been too much laxity with regard to dues. The correction of this and another drawback would be in the best interests of Tweed Lodge.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville, the youngest of the Belleville family, is an excellent Lodge. Every official from W. Bro. Sulman down appeared to be on the alert to make the functions impressive, and the effort, I imagine, is always as successful as on the occasion of my visit.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto, closes the catalogue which began with Moira Lodge, No. 11, and if the District were to be judged upon the merits of these two Lodges, the verdict would be most favorable. My predecessor, R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, classed Craig among the best in the District, and I can only echo his opinion. The brethren are enthusiastic on all points connected with Masonry, each officer does his full duty, and W. Bro. Irvine is admirably fitted for the position to which his brethren have called him.

The climax of the year's history was reached at Picton on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, in a Lodge of Instruction, under the warrant of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, and graced by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The first degree was exemplified by The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, the second by Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, and the third by Trent Lodge, No. 38, in such a manner as to win the approval of the Grand Master and the praise of all present. Among the visitors were R. W. Bro. Shaw, of Kingston, R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, of Belleville, P. D. D. G. M s, R. W. Bro. W. L. Armitage of Picton, Past Grand Chaplain, and V. W. Bro.

Diamond, of Belleville, Past Grand Steward. Letters of regret were received from R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Barrie, and R. W. Bro. Fred. S. Skinner, of Gananoque, D. D. G. M., of Frontenac District. A large contingent from each of the Lodges selected were in attendance, and also Past Masters and others from various portions of the District. The earnest and eloquent address of the Grand Master on the subject of benevolence must have reached the hearts of his hearers to awaken renewed interest. At the close of the meeting the brethren were entertained at the Royal Hotel by Prince Edward Lodge, and the verdict of all was that they have never attended a more edifying and enjoyable function.

It may strike the reader of this report that I have omitted from my list the unthrifty and degenerate Lodges. In bare fact there are none in the District. Environment has conspired to make some better than others, but all are making the best possible showing which the circumstances permit. The true Masonic mission of character building, developing the rough ashlar into a perfect stone for the Master's use, is served as satisfactorily in the country as in the city Lodge. Stripped of all externals, Masonry is Masonry everywhere, the true man will make the true Mason and be recognized by his kind wherever fortune may send him.

It has been my duty and privilege to watch and record a very satisfactory year's progress, and I would like to suggest that the usefulness of the D. D. G. M. might be increased if he could in some way be assured a year in advance of his elevation to that position, so that, by association with the incumbent, he might acquire a general knowledge of the District. Little items of experience which cannot be clearly brought out in a report would in this way fall into his immediate possession and spare him many of the drawbacks with which a new official, suddenly laden with unusual duties, has to contend. I beg to record my deep indebtedness to Bro. the Rev. A. L. Geen, of Belleville, District Chaplain, for his kindly assistance, and my grateful appreciation of the many services so cheerfully undertaken by W. Bro. E. A. Morden in the capacity of District Secretary. I further desire to thank my brethren for their indulgent confidence in singling me out for this honor, the duties of which have been to me an education, and, despite the sacrifices entailed, a source of genuine pleasure. That the several Lodges may have

been benefitted by my incumbency in some slight measure I should like to believe; but if I have failed to justify the earlier hopes entertained of me by my brethren, neither have I succeeded in realizing my own ideal. The thought would be unwelcome that I shall have taken final leave of my brethren with the close of my year of office; rather would I hope that many, if not most, of the newly formed friendships may prove enduring.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, D.D.G.M.,
Prince Edward District No. 13.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report of the condition of Masonry in the 14th Frontenac District for the past Masonic year.

My sincere thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren of my District, for the honor they have conferred upon me by unanimously electing me to the position of D. D. G. M., which honor I am grateful for, and which I have endeavored to appreciate by a faithful discharge of the duties pertaining to that office, to the best of my ability.

I desire to place on record my gratitude to W. Bro. Graham, the W. M. of Leeds Lodge, for his kindly aid and assistance, in not only acting as District Secretary, but also for placing his Lodge room at my disposal for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction, and to the officers and members of Leeds Lodge for assisting by every means in their power to make that Lodge of Instruction a pronounced success, marred only by the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master. The brethren of my District heard with deep regret of his illness, but while we missed his kindly and guiding presence, he was most ably represented by R. W. Bro. Allen, Deputy Grand Master, who received a hearty welcome, and materially assisted our efforts to promote a greater uniformity of the work, and I am particularly indebted to him for his assistance. All of the Lodges in the District but four were to have taken part in the work, but owing to the impassable condition of the roads some of them were not represented. Apart from the benefit derived, from a discussion of the work performed, I feel sure that Lodges of Instruction are highly beneficial and much to be desired in bringing together the brethren from all parts of the District for the promotion of a better acquaintance and the dissemination of Masonic thought and ideas, which, to say the least, are helpful to all concerned.

My first official visit was to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque. This is my mother Lodge, and the brethren made the occasion their Past Masters' night. The chairs were all filled by Past Masters, who conferred the third degree on three candidates. P. D. D. G. M's have praised the work of this Lodge, and I can only add that its reputation is well sustained, and I do not know of any Lodge doing the work better. The average attendance to the meetings is about 40 per cent. of its membership, a fact they are justly proud of. I also had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Lodge at their regular meeting in January, and was ably assisted by R. W. Pro. George Tait, of Toronto.

I visited Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro, on November 5th, the meeting being an emergent one, to allow me to visit it on my way to Westport. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Preston and Lewis, who still take an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of their Lodge. The first degree was conferred in an able manner by W. Bro. Johnson and his officers. The Lodge is growing steadily, and I was assured that great care is being taken regarding quality. I desire to mention the faithful services of the Secretary, Bro. Butler, who has only missed three meetings in 20 years. His books are kept in a very neat and careful manner.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: This Lodge was visited on the following evening, November 6th, and I also found it to be in a flourishing condition. The third degree was conferred in a masterly manner, and I was pleased to note the presence of many of the older brethren, who, although they have borne the heat and burden of the day, are still enthused with a love for our Order, and showed their capability for work by assisting the W. M., particularly V. W. Bro. Gorrell, who gave the second part of the degree work in a splendid manner. In W. Bro. Flegg this Lodge has an energetic and capable Secretary, and I am satisfied that as long as he retains office the duties will be discharged in a competent manner. W. Bro. Berry is a thorough and painstaking Master, and the Lodge cannot fail to progress under his direction.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: This Lodge was visited on December last, and, as I fully expected, I found the Lodge in capable hands and doing good work. I had the honor of having four P. D. D. G. M's on the dais with me that evening, and after the officers for the ensu-

ing year had been elected, the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Mundell and his officers in a manner that left nothing to be desired. R. W. Bro. Nicolle, of this Lodge, is a tower of strength to it, and is always ready to assist in promoting its welfare.

On December 3rd I visited The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, of Kingston. W. Bro. Connell was unfortunately absent from the city, and the chair was taken by W. Bro. Renton, I. P. M., who conferred the second degree in his well known and able manner. The Ancient St. John's is fortunate in having Past Masters who do not allow their interest in the Craft to become dormant after having passed through the chairs, but remain energetic in their efforts to sustain the proud position the Lodge occupies. I visited this Lodge officially again on April 14th, the occasion being Military Night. This was an important meeting, as all the offices were filled by military brethren. The Master's chair was taken by W. Bro. Creggan, a brother 70 years of age, and the impressive manner in which he conferred the third degree on two candidates was worthy of the highest praise. The floor work was performed with that military precision which excites admiration, and I was indeed glad to have received an invitation to be present on the occasion.

On December 4th I visited Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee. The brethren hold their meetings in one of the finest Lodge rooms in the District, and there was a large attendance present. I was delighted to meet R. W. Bro. Longmore and W. Bro. Guy, of Newburgh, who had come out for the occasion. There being no degree work, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and from the manner in which the work was performed, I am confident that degree work is conferred as it ought to be. W. Bro. Rankin is a painstaking officer, and under his direction the Lodge is doing good work. I regret to say that on two occasions I was bitterly disappointed in being unable to keep my appointments to visit Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, of Kingston. On the second occasion, however, R. W. Bro. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., kindly represented me, and his report on the condition of affairs in that good old Lodge warrants me in saying that no Lodge in our District does better work, or more of it. How could it be otherwise when the Lodge has among its members such men as R. W. Bros. Hendry and Shaw to assist in its guidance. The manner in which the officers of that

Lodge performed the portion of work allotted to them at the Lodge of Instruction is assurance enough to me that its degree work is splendidly done, and as for the management of its affairs, I am sure that as long as R. W. Bro. Hendry remains its Secretary no question need be raised on that score.

I had also completed arrangements to visit Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island, and was about to take the train for Kingston when I was telephoned not to come, as the ice was not safe for crossing. However, from correspondence had, I find that the Lodge, though small, is composed almost entirely of mariners, who enjoy the meetings held during the winter. The growth of this Lodge is small owing to its situation, but I have ascertained that its members are an enthusiastic lot of men, performing their work in a creditable manner.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: I visited it on April 25th. Much praise and credit is due this Lodge for the beautifying and adorning of the room, which has lately been done at an expense of between four and five hundred dollars. W. Bro. Northmore conferred the third degree on two candidates in a correct and impressive manner. He is ably assisted in the management of the Lodge by V. W. Bro. Armstrong, who performs the duties of Secretary in an excellent manner. The Lodge is growing and its future is exceedingly bright.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: This Lodge was visited on April 26th, being an emergent meeting. There was no degree work performed, but I had the Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, and I find W. Bro. Gilbert is a competent Master. Owing to the severity of the winter the Lodge missed two regular meetings, but the brethren are full of hope for its future, and I look for a goodly increase in its membership.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: I visited this Lodge on April 27th. No degree work, but the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. I know W. Bro. Wellbanks to be a capable officer, and he is ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Longmore and Aylsworth. The latter performs the Secretarial duties in a splendid manner. I am pleased to report that they own the building in which the Lodge is held, and their future is exceedingly bright.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth, which I visited on April 28th, is in a flourishing condition, and under the

able management of W. Bro. Jones, and its efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Jas. Aylsworth, it is bound to prosper. The third degree was conferred on one candidate, and needless to say it was creditably and impressively done. The Lodge room has recently been renovated and improved, and is one of the neatest in the District. Among the brethren of this Lodge are a number who live at Marlbank, 7 miles away, and who show their enthusiasm by attending nearly every meeting.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: I visited on April 29th. Unfortunately both of the Wardens were absent from home, but the chairs were filled by other brethren, and the work of raising two candidates was performed by W. Bro. Forsyth in an able manner. I can readily characterize this Lodge as one of the most prosperous ones, and under its present competent management is bound to progress.

I was to have visited Victoria Lodge, No. 290, Enterprise, at their regular meeting on the 26th May, but owing to the unfortunate fire at my place of business, I was prevented from meeting my brethren there. However, I have ascertained from correspondence that the Lodge is in a prosperous condition and its future bright. W. Bro. Carscallen ranks with the best we have in efficiency.

Rideau Lodge, (U. D.), Seeley's Bay: Owing to the removal of W. Bro. George from the village in November last, and there being no Past Masters in connection with the Lodge, it was deemed advisable by the Grand Master to call in the dispensation and to have the brethren of that community petition for a new one, which was done. Accordingly upon receipt of the new dispensation, and in company with W. Bro. Graham and his officers of Leeds Lodge, I visited Seeley's Bay and opened the Lodge with W. Bro. Gardiner as W. Master, Bro. Willis as S. W., Bro. Willoughby as J. W., and Bro. Hawkins Secretary. From reports received from time to time I was assured that the Lodge was progressing nicely, and when I officially visited it on June 7th I found my anticipations well grounded. W. Bro. Gardiner and his officers are doing good work, and I strongly recommend that the Lodge be granted a Warrant of Constitution at the next communication of Grand Lodge. They have bought, and now own outright, the building in which they hold their meetings, and intend to immediately make an expenditure of several hundred dollars in fitting it up for

Masonic purposes. They have a splendid equipment in paraphernalia, and conferred the third degree on the night of my visit in an able manner.

At all of my official visits I have spoken to the brethren on the subject of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and have endeavored in every possible way to promote interest in this excellent project of the Grand Master, and while the brethren of my District have not all contributed towards it, yet a large majority have done so, and I believe that before the fund is closed all will do so.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren of my District for the many kindnesses they have shown me, and for the ready assistance always at my disposal when required. If I have rendered assistance I have also gained profitable knowledge, and I will treasure the year's Masonic intercourse with my brethren in the capacity of District Deputy with pleasure and delight.

FRED J. SKINNER, D.D.G.M.,

Frontenac District, No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Degree's conf'd			Meet-ings held.				Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief		No of members 12 months in arrears.		Total of all arrearages.		Date of last G. L. Return.		Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	B. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.								
3	A. St. John	Kingston	155	3	...	11	10	10	...	1	3	1	1	512	7	19	25	153 00	5	\$45 35	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	\$837 00
9	Union	Napanee	103	1	...	6	5	5	1	1	2	4	...	314	3	17	22	55 95	...	214 15	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	900 00
92	Cabaraqui	Kingston	157	9	...	9	8	6	4	1	3	...	...	112	9	21	30	70 00	12	90 00	Dec. 27, '03	Excellent	Bright	Yes	800 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith.	66	3	...	7	7	6	1	2	2	2	...	110	2	12	15	...	16	75 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	No	Yes	...
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	41	13	...	13	12	12	2	2	2	...	...	110	8	18	12	50 00	3	9 00	June 24, '03	Good	Bright	Yes	Yes
146	P. of Wales	Newburgh	46	1	...	10	10	7	...	2	...	...	...	112	6	18	15	70 00	7	16 00	Mch. 26, '04	Solvent	Improved	Yes	830 00
157	Simpson	Newboro	65	10	...	9	11	10	3	2	3	1	...	111	2	13	44	...	38	91 50	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
201	Leeds	Gananoque	134	9	...	3	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	112	2	13	44	...	7	41 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
212	Elysian	Garden Island.	19	3	...	3	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	112	2	13	44	...	...	...	1902	Good	Fair	Yes	None
228	Pr. Arthur	Odesa	40	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	110	3	13	12	...	8	15 00	Jan. 9, '04	Good	Good	Yes	None
299	Victoria	Centreville	36	1	...	1	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	113	2	15	20	100 00	22	136 50	Feb. 8, '02	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes
253	Minden	Kingston	82	1	...	4	4	5	...	2	1	...	...	111	5	16	15	30 00	6	72 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
404	Lorne	Tamworth	35	3	...	6	5	7	1	1	1	2	...	111	5	16	15	5 00	2	9 00	June 24, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
441	Westport	Westport	35	4	...	4	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	121	1	13	15	...	5	24 00	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
U D	Rideau	Seeleys Bay	33	19	1	17	14	10	2	...	1	...	...	121	11	23	15	5 00	...	...	June 24, '03	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	800 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have very much pleasure in submitting to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 15. I appreciate very much the kindness of my brethren of the District in electing me to so honorable a position. I feel, however, that the honor was conferred rather upon my Lodge, which merited it, than upon myself. I appointed W. Bro. John Ridlay, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, District Secretary, and have received from him invaluable assistance.

I am especially grateful to R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, D. D. G. M., of Frontenac District, No. 14, and R. W. Bro. George K. Dewey, P. D. D. G. M. of St. Lawrence District, No. 15, for the assistance rendered me in visiting three of the Lodges. The District is so large that I could not possibly visit every Lodge. I am hopeful that some scheme for its division may go through at the next session of Grand Lodge.

I endeavored, as far as possible, to make my visit on the regular meeting of the Lodge, and succeeded in doing so in all but three instances. I am deeply grateful to my brethren for the very courteous way in which I was received in every Lodge visited by me and for the entertainment I received at their hands. The many kindnesses shown me have made the past year one of the most pleasant of my life. With very few exceptions the Lodges in the District are in a prosperous condition. In some instances the arrearages of dues are too high, but I was careful to impress on the officers the importance of attending to this matter and endeavoring to reduce the arrears, as much as possible, and pointed out to them the advisability of at once suspending those brethren who are able to pay and would not do so.

As soon as I assumed office I wrote the W. Masters of the various Lodges pointing out to them the importance

of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and urging them to take up the matter at once. On my visit to the Lodge I again brought the matter up and urged the brethren strongly to assist in carrying out so laudable a scheme for the assistance of unfortunate brethren. Most of the Lodges have done something in that direction, but I regret that there are still a few that have not seen fit to do anything.

At the request of the Grand Master I held a Lodge of Instruction at Cornwall on the 16th of February. Unfortunately some of the railways were blocked by a severe storm, so that the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been. However, most of the Lodges in this part of the District were represented, and the meeting was a very pleasant and profitable one. The brethren all regretted very much the fact that the recent illness of the M. W. the Grand Master prevented his attendance. The first degree was exemplified by the W. Master and officers of Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville; the second degree by the W. Master and officers of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, and the third degree by the W. Master and officers of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall. The work was particularly well done in every instance and received much commendation from the brethren present. The examination of visiting brethren was exemplified by W. Bros. Ridley and MacHaffie, of Cornwall, in a most interesting way, and elicited many complimentary remarks. Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, very kindly tendered a banquet to visiting brethren and helped materially to make pleasureable their visit.

The Secretaries work is, as a rule, well done; but, on the whole, I have found Past Masters to be the most efficient Secretaries.

The only deaths which have been reported to me are Bro. John Smith, a member of Essex Lodge, No. 5, and W. Bro. Rev. William H. Wright, of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, who died on February 14th, 1904. I notice from the reports just received that there have been several others, but their names were not sent me.

I granted the following dispensations: Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois, to instal officers, December 28th, 1903; Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, to attend divine service, June 19th; Wales Lodge, No. 458, to attend divine service, June 26th; Salem Lodge, No. 368, to attend divine service, June 26th. I am afraid that a number of the Lodges failed in their duty of applying for a dispensation.

I append a brief account of the various visits made during the year:

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales: My visit to this Lodge was made on the 16th of November, when the Lodge was dedicated. I was accompanied by a large number of brethren from Cornwall, who very kindly assisted me in the dedication. This Lodge is making rapid progress, and its prospects are of the brightest. The W. M. and his officers do their work well. This Lodge has the distinction of being the first in the District to send in the full subscription to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: I visited this Lodge on the 9th day of February, when there was a fair attendance. The first degree was exemplified in a painstaking manner. The W. M. does the work very impressively.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: My official visit to this Lodge was made on the 2nd of March. There was a very large attendance, and a large amount of work, which was uniformly well done. I cannot refrain from mentioning the Junior Deacon of this Lodge, who is the best I have met with. In fact, this Lodge is much more careful in the selection of Junior officers than most of the Lodges in the District. Special mention should also be made of the Past Masters, who are always ready to take a hand in the work, and are very efficient and enthusiastic. During the year an organ has been purchased and a musical-ritual introduced, very much improving the work. The Secretary, W. Bro. Ridley, who is also District Secretary, is an excellent one.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: I visited this Lodge on the 25th of March. There was a fair attendance. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. There was no other work. The brethren of this Lodge need to be enthused a little, but I had the pleasure of meeting the W. M. a few days ago, and he informs me that the Lodge is running much more smoothly now.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: I visited this Lodge on Monday, the 28th of March. There was a good attendance of members, and there were a number of visiting brethren, including the W. M. of Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester. I was teaching in the village school here just twenty years ago, and was very much pleased to meet many of my old friends in the

Lodge room. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the W. M. and his efficient officers. This Lodge has upwards of one thousand dollars in the treasury, and I am hopeful that some of the prosperous citizens of Chesterville may soon erect a block, which will give them an opportunity of moving into a new and more comfortable hall, as they are anxious to do.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore: My visit to this Lodge was made on the 29th of March. There was a very small attendance and no work. This Lodge labors under the difficulty of a small membership, and of the fact that there are barely sufficient in the village to form a quorum, most of the members living in the country some distance from the Lodge.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville: This Lodge I visited on the 30th of March. Considering the membership of the Lodge there was a remarkably good attendance, including eight brethren from Merrickville, who had enough enthusiasm to work their way down on a handcar. The prospective candidate disappointed the W. M., but he was kind enough to exemplify the first degree. The Wardens are deserving of special commendation. I had much pleasure here in renewing my acquaintance with R. W. Bros. Badcom and Watchorn, of Kemptville and Merrickville, respectively.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: My visit to this Lodge, which was one of the most pleasureable during my term of office, was made on the 4th of April. There was a very large attendance. The Lodge room is beautifully furnished, and the first degree was exemplified in a manner well nigh perfect. There was a large number of visitors, including the W. M. and several brothers from Chesterville Lodge. These two Lodges seem to work together most harmoniously.

McCoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown: My visit to this Lodge was made on the 25th of April. This is one of the most prosperous Lodges in the District, owning their own Lodge room. The first degree was well exemplified. I had the unique experience of sitting in this Lodge with a father and six sons, my only regret being that a son-in-law was not able to be present.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta: My visit here was made on the 27th of April. There was a good attendance. Unfortunately for the Lodge, the W. M. had missed several meetings. The Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. L.

N. Phelps, was in the chair on the occasion of my visit, but he was taken ill and had to leave in the middle of the degree. The third degree was put on under these difficulties, so that there was very good reason for its not being done well. I urged the brethren to be very careful in their selection of officers. The building in which the Lodge meets is the property of the Lodge, is a well appointed one and a credit to the brethren.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens: My visit here was made on the 28th of April. The night was very inclement, and consequently the attendance was not large. There seems to be great difficulty in procuring officers in this Lodge. The W. M. was only elected to fill a breach and has not been in a position to get up the work. The Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Dr. Purvis, kindly exemplified the first degree and the work was well done. I hope that the brethren of this Lodge will take on a little enthusiasm and work together for the making of what should be, from the standing of the men I met there and the ability they display, one of the best Lodges in the District.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott: Accompanied by W. Bros. MacHaffie and Ridley, of Cornwall, I visited this Lodge in the 3rd day of May. I had the pleasure of meeting here R. W. Bro. Graham, one of my oldest friends, and R. W. Bro. Rook. There was a fair attendance. The first degree was exemplified somewhat indifferently, the W. M. not having the work up as he should have it. The Junior Warden, Junior Deacon and Inner Guard deserve special commendation for the manner in which they fill their positions. This Lodge has an unusually efficient Secretary.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: By the kindness of the W. Masters of these Lodges I was enabled to have a joint meeting on the 16th of May. A very large attendance greeted me, there being over one hundred members present. The officers of each Lodge initiated a candidate, and it was so well done by both sets of officers that it would be impossible to say which was the better. The lecture in the first by the J. W. of Salem Lodge deserves special mention. The Lodge room has been enlarged and beautified, and a large banqueting hall procured, so that the Brockville brethren have by far the best appointed premises in the District. The new Secretary of Salem Lodge has tackled with a will the

arrearages of dues, referred to by my predecessor, and has materially reduced the amount outstanding. The Secretaries of both Lodges are in the first class.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: I visited this Lodge on the 24th of May. My letter to the Secretary had evidently miscarried and my visit was unexpected. There was a very small attendance and no work. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The Lodge room is well appointed.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: I visited this Lodge on the 25th of May with a good deal of pleasure, as it is my mother Lodge, and the village is the home of my childhood. W. Bros. Ridley, Fraid and McLean, of Cornwall, accompanied me. There was a good attendance. The first degree was well exemplified. All the officers did their work well, the Junior Deacon being particularly good.

Lansdown Lodge, No. 387, Lansdown: R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, D. D. G. M. of Frontenac District No. 14, very kindly visited this Lodge for me on the 26th of May. The W. M. is a painstaking and efficient officer, and under his guidance the Lodge is progressing rapidly, and he had succeeded in bringing it out of the lethargic condition in which it formerly was to his present state of high efficiency. Unfortunately there is not perfect harmony in the Lodge, but I hope that this may be overcome in the near future.

St. John's Lodge, No. 74, Bethel: I was unable to visit this Lodge personally. R. W. Bro. George K. Dewey, of Brockville, visited it for me on the 30th of May. There was a good attendance. One candidate was initiated and the third degree conferred upon another, the work being well done. The officers are well acquainted with their duties and the Secretary very efficient. The building in which the Lodge is held is owned by the brethren and is free from debt. The dues are well paid up and the Lodge prosperous.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria: I visited this Lodge on the 7th of June. The attendance was small. A candidate was initiated fairly well. The officers of this Lodge are fighting an uphill fight, but a brighter day seems to be dawning, and I am hopeful that in the near future its prospects may be much brighter. The Secretary, W. Bro. Simpson, is a very efficient one and a very earnest Mason.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: I visited this Lodge on the 21st of June, and had the pleasure of again meeting R. W. Bro. Watchorn. There was no work, but the Lodge was opened in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, W. Bro. Dunlop, I. P. M., in the chair, the W. M. being confined to his bed by illness. The Merrickville brethren are past masters in the art of entertaining and of making after dinner speeches, one of the brethren of this Lodge making the best speech I heard during my round of visits.

St. Frances Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: This Lodge was visited by me on the 22nd of June, when I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Houston, who is a great favorite with the members of Cornwall Lodge. For a single Lodge meeting, the attendance was the largest that I have met with, being over sixty. The third degree was well put on. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a creditable manner. The musical ritual used by this Lodge adds very much to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth: My visit to this Lodge on the 23rd of June was one of the most interesting and pleasureable I have made. This Lodge is one of the oldest in the District, and has hanging on its walls many old and interesting relics, among them being the first dispensation granted in 1818. One candidate was initiated. The W. M. did his work particularly well. A number of enthusiastic young men are joining the Lodge now and its prospects look much brighter.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta: I regret that I was unable to visit this Lodge personally, and I am indebted to R. W. Bro. George K. Dewey, of Brockville, for visiting it for me on the 24th of June. There were about fifteen members present. The second degree was conferred, the work being well done. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, the dues being well paid up (arrears \$12.00), and the building, owned by the Lodge, now almost free from debt. This Lodge has a most efficient Secretary in W. Bro. W. H. Wadell, M.D. They are contributing their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Ferran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville: I made my visit to this Lodge on the 29th of June. There was a fair attendance. One candidate was initiated. Most of the officers need a great deal of practice in order to perfect themselves in the work. The Junior Warden gave the

lecture very well indeed. The District Secretary very kindly accompanied me.

In conclusion I again thank my brethren of the District for the many kindnesses shown me, and I hope that I may some day have the pleasure of again meeting very many of them.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. G. HARKNESS, D. D. G. M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 16, for the current year, I wish to express my warm appreciation to the brethren of the District for the expression of confidence in electing me to the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M. I have endeavored to deserve the confidence so generously bestowed by a strict application to the duties of my office.

My first official act was the appointment of Bro. G. W. McDonald, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, as my District Secretary. The office of District Secretary has been no light burden for Bro. McDonald to carry this year, and I desire to greatly acknowledge the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties. A more zealous and expert brother it would be hard to find.

W. Bro. M. H. Wilson, W. M., of Cobden Lodge, very kindly consented to act as District Chaplain.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

In compliance with the Grand Master's request, on two different occasions, I sent circulars to the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges in the District, setting forth the aims and objects of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and on all my official visits I urged the brethren to do all in their power to assist the Grand Master by subscribing liberally to this fund and thereby fittingly celebrate our semi-centennial. As returns are still too incomplete to give accurate accounts, I can only say, from my present information, that prospects are encouraging, and in the final summing up I have every reason to believe that Ottawa District will have subscribed liberally.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year the following dispensations were granted to attend divine service: Carleton Lodge, U. D.,

Carp; Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte; Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet; Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden; and the following Lodges received dispensations for other purposes: Carleton Lodge, U. D., Carp; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa; Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 126; Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond; Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte.

BY-LAWS.

During the year the following Lodges obtained from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master his approval to changes in their by-laws: Madawaska Lodge, No. 196; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, and Pembroke Lodge, No. 128.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers in the following Lodges: Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, and Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville.

DEATHS.

I am advised of the following deaths during the year: Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Bro. John Hunter; Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Bros. J. K. Stewart, John Lynch and Joseph Peterkin; Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Bros. R. W. Baxter and Rudolphe Ranscher; Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Bro. John Kemp.

VISITS.

I visited Cobden Lodge, No. 459, at Cobden, on November 19th. This Lodge was granted a Warrant at last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and my visit was for the purpose of presenting the same, constituting the Lodge and installing the officers, in which I was assisted by my immediate predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. John Wilson and R. W. Bros. Burritt, Mackay, Josephs, the District Secretary, Bro. McDonald, and a large delegation of Past Masters and brethren from Pembroke, Eganville and Renfrew. Cobden Lodge appears to be launched with bright prospects for the future, having a

very efficient W. M., W. Bro. Rev. M. H. Wilson, supported by an excellent set of officers. Bro. C. B. Graham makes an excellent Secretary, and deserves special mention for the interest taken in the formation of the Lodge. The Lodge room is well furnished and wears an air of prosperity. After the ceremonies were over we were invited to McKoy's Hotel, where on excellent repast was served and a pleasant time spent until an early hour in the morning.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196: I visited this Lodge on December 14th, accompanied by R. W. Bros. Mackay, Wilson and Burritt, and W. Bro. H. J. Airth. There was a good attendance of members. This was the night for the election of officers. The election passed off with the greatest harmony prevailing, and I believe an energetic and painstaking set of officers was elected. There was no degree work, and the W. M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a perfect manner. At the close of the Lodge we adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very pleasant time was spent, R. W. Bro. Hood presiding.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge officially on December 15th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. A. Mackay and the District Secretary, Bro. G. W. McDonald. I was most cordially received by W. Bro. Dr. Davidson. The attendance was very large and the welcome most enthusiastic. The first degree was presented for my inspection, and I have no hesitation in saying that the work could not be excelled in any of its details. W. Bro. Davidson is a pleasing speaker, a good ritualist, and is surrounded by a splendid set of officers. The secretarial part of the work is in excellent hands, and the finances are well looked after. The prospects are encouraging. I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, a beautiful Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Jos. Hill. The fourth degree was sumptuous, and was done ample justice to, after which a pleasant hour or two was profitably spent in speech and song.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge on the evening of March 1st, and was fraternally received by W. Bro. Sproule, W. M., officers and members of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. I was accompanied and introduced by W. Bro. William Hay, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, an honorary member of Dalhousie, having occupied

the W. M's chair in the year 69-70. The third degree was worked by the W. M. and officers. The work was accurately and impressively done. This was certainly the best worked third degree I have witnessed in my official visits. The future of this Lodge is very promising. W. Bro. C. J. Scott makes an ideal Secretary, and R. W. Bro. May looks well after the funds. I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. S. C. Thompson, on behalf of the Lodge, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. The evening was a most successful one, and was terminated by a grand banquet in the room adjoining the Lodge.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: I visited this Lodge on February 5th, and was met at the station by W. Bro. Dr. Steele, W. M. There was a good attendance of members, and a deep interest taken in the general business of the Lodge. Bro. W. S. Boyd is a faithful Secretary and keeps his books in good shape. This Lodge is noted for the manner in which the members annually entertain their wives and families, their At Homes being very much enjoyed. I had the pleasure of meeting here W. Bro. Kidd, W. M.; Bro. 1. A. Brown, J. W., and Bro. T. S. Argue, Secretary, all of Carp. After the Lodge was closed a very pleasant time was spent with the members and visitors at an excellent supper served at the Almonte House.

Carp Lodge, U. D., Carp: Early in the year I received a petition for a new Lodge, and the petition being recommended by the nearest Lodge, Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, and having satisfied myself that the locality was a desirable one for a Lodge, I forwarded the petition along with my recommendation to the M. W. the Grand Master asking that a dispensation be granted, and the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant our request. On the 13th November I received the dispensation and arranged to open the Lodge on the 12th January. Most of the petitioners were present, and the Lodge was started in proper form with Bro. G. N. Kidd, M. P. P., as W. M. assisted by a very efficient staff of officers. The Lodge starts with 23 members and very good prospects, is beautifully furnished, and everything of the very best. I again visited this Lodge in the 28th and had the pleasure of meeting the officers of Doric Lodge, Ottawa, accompanied by a large delegation from the city, who were present for the purpose of exemplifying the third degree, which was done in a perfect manner by W. Bro. S. A.

Luke, assisted by W. Bro. Dr. Argue. After the regular officers closed the Lodge the Junior Warden, Bro. S. Brown, invited the brethren to his hotel, where an elaborate banquet was held until an early hour in the morning.

The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge on January 8th, and received a very cordial welcome from W. Bro. J. Bingham, W. M., and officers. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The work for the evening was the first degree, which was faultlessly done by the W. M. and officers. Bro. H. H. Cairns makes an excellent Secretary, and V. W. Bro. J. C. Kearns looks well to the funds. I had the pleasure, at this meeting, of presenting a beautiful Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, to W. Bro. J. H. Putman, and it would be difficult to find a more deserving brother to honor. After the Lodge was closed we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a very enjoyable time was spent.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa: Accompanied by the District Chaplain, W. Bro. M. H. Wilson, I visited this Lodge on the 8th March. When I reached Ottawa I was informed that the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Allen, was in the city, and I very shortly afterwards met him and extended an invitation to him to accompany me, which he finally consented to do, and I can assure you that his visit was warmly welcomed by the brethren present, as he spoke very encouragingly of the work he saw exemplified and also made an inspiring speech in response to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The work was a first degree, and was admirably done by the W. M., W. Bro. Winter, and officers.. Bro. H. Chamberlain makes an excellent Secretary, and the finances are well cared for by W. Bro. Walsh. A most enjoyable fourth degree followed the work in the Lodge.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury: I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting on March 31st. I was fraternally received by the brethren of the Lodge. The work was a third degree, and was impressively given by W. Bro. Hall, W. M., and officers. W. Bro. McWalter assisted with the work, and is a great source of strength to the Lodge. Bro. John Sherman is a most efficient officer, and has his books in splendid shape. Several points pertaining to the degree were pleasantly discussed. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. Owing to the bad condition of the roads the attendance was not very large.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the 1st of April, and was most cordially received. There was a very large attendance, and I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. Flint, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of N. S. The work of the evening was a first degree, and was faultlessly conferred by W. Bro. J. C. Bartram and his able set of officers. Bro. R. O. Croll makes a splendid Secretary, and has the affairs of the Lodge in good shape. I had the privilege of discharging the very pleasant duty of presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, as an expression of appreciation of their valuable services to the Lodge for so many years, Past Masters' jewels to three of the most deserving Masons in Ottawa City, viz., R. W. Bro. Dr. Robertson, W. Bro. S. A. Luke, and W. Bro. W. H. Baldwin, all members of Doric Lodge. After the Lodge was closed we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: I visited this Lodge on May 5th. Was very late in arriving, the train, owing to a heavy load, losing three hours between Renfrew and Mattawa. However, I was in time to inspect the Secretary's books, which are well kept, and to partake of a nice luncheon served in the waiting room. I reached the hall just as the brethren had closed. The work was first and second degrees, which, I was informed, was well done. I am personally acquainted with a number of the officers of this Lodge, and am quite satisfied that they can do their work in a very creditable manner, and the W. M., W. Bro. Horwood, is a most enthusiastic Mason, and is well supported by his officers. Five applications were presented at this meeting, which looks bright for Mattawa.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on April 22nd and received a very hearty welcome from W. Bro. A. E. Cowan, officers and members. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Burritt, and was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Shaw, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Canada. I had the pleasure of witnessing the second degree conferred, and it was splendidly done. I congratulate the W. M. and officers on their success. The clerical work of the Lodge is well and ably done by W. Bro. John B. Wright. This being R. W. Bro. John Wilson's Lodge, I took occasion to thank

him for many great kindnesses to me during the year. After the Lodge was closed we adjourned to the banquet hall and enjoyed the fourth degree, which was elaborate, and the best of good cheer prevailed.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: I visited this Lodge on the 2nd of May. This is my mother Lodge, and I was given a very cordial reception. The work of the evening was the first degree by the W. M., W. Bro. Rev. J. Hay, and officers. Judging from the work, it is evident that the present set of officers are bound to maintain the high standard set up by their predecessors in office. The degree was done in a faultless manner, and very impressive. The Wardens also had their work in good shape, and the floor work was equally good. It gave me much pleasure to be able to congratulate the W. M. and his officers on the splendid work. The secretarial part of the work is well looked after by W. Bro. McKinnon and R. W. Bro. Barr looks well after the finances. After the Lodge we adjourned to Bro. Stitt's, where a pleasant time was spent.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on May 5th, and was most cordially welcomed by W. Bro. Dunlop and the brethren of the Lodge. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. Barr and W. Bros. John Mackay, W. Hay, M. McKinnon and the District Secretary, Bro. G. W. McDonald. The first degree was conferred in a masterly manner by the W. M., supported by his efficient staff of officers. The Junior Warden's lecture was splendidly given. This Lodge is in first-class standing, and the Secretary, Bro. H. S. Bowden, looks well after the clerical work. With the splendid staff of Past Masters in Pembroke Lodge it is no wonder that the work is well done. After the closing of the Lodge a fine spread was provided in the banquet hall adjoining the Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: I visited this Lodge on May 11th, accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. Steele, Almonte. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was well done by the W. M., W. Bro. Switzer, and officers. The candidate was exceptionally well posted in the former degree, and repeated his obligation of the second degree. The good charitable work done in this Lodge deserves special mention. The Secretary, Bro. A. F. Hudson, is a very efficient officer. I also visited this Lodge December 28th, 1903, and installed the

officers. We were entertained to an excellent supper at W. Bro. McIlquham's, and a pleasant time was spent.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: I visited this Lodge on May the 23rd. There was a small attendance of members owing to the bad condition of the roads. The Lodge room is undergoing repairs, and when it is completed the brethren will have very comfortable quarters. The work was a passing, and was fairly well done, and when the changes that are now going on in the building are completed, and the brethren get down to work, they hope to give a very good account of themselves. The Senior Warden's lecture was well given. It was pleasing to see the interest taken by some of the old Past Masters. The Lodge has an efficient Secretary in Bro. Chamber. After the Lodge was closed refreshments were served in one of the hotels.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: I visited this Lodge May 24th, and was very kindly received by the W. M., W. Bro. Wilson and members. There was a fair attendance. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the W. M. and officers. The Secretary, Bro. Thos. Saunders, keeps his books in a splendid condition. The W. M. is certainly a very enthusiastic Mason, and has his work well under control, but he cannot do everything. There has been a lack of harmony in this Lodge during the past year, but from the opinions I heard expressed during my visit, I have every hope that harmony will soon be restored. A most enjoyable banquet, presided over by W. Bro. Wilson, W. M., concluded the evening's work and my visits to the city Lodges.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: I visited this Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. Steele, W. M., of Mississippi, Almonte, on June 7th. We were a little late in arriving, but not too late for the members, as the Lodge did not open till 9 o'clock, an hour altogether too late for the best interests of Masonry. Owing to the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. McIntosh, W. Bro. Buffam took the chair and conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner, but the other officers of the Lodge were not up in their work, and I spoke very plainly to them regarding their duties and urged them to rehearse more frequently, which I trust they will. The election of officers took place at this meeting, and, judging from the keen rivalry in the ballot, we should get good results from Evergreen next year. W. Bro. Fields looks after the secretarial

part of the Lodge in good style, and keeps a neat set of books. Several visitors were present from Perth. We were entertained at the conclusion of the work to refreshments in one of the restaurants.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: At a special meeting, kindly called by the W. M., I visited this Lodge June 10th, and received a very warm welcome. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being W. Bro. A. E. Cowan, W. M., Prince of Wales, Ottawa, and Bros. Dr. Salter and Mackay, Carp. I expected to see some work, but the candidate failed to appear, and at my request the W. M., Dr. Danby, opened and closed in the three degrees in a splendid manner. From what I saw I am satisfied that the work is well done in this Lodge. I had the pleasure of performing the pleasant duty of presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, a beautiful Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Hugh Reilly for long and valuable services. After the closing of the Lodge we were entertained in a fitting manner at W. Bro. Reilly's hotel.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: I visited this Lodge on January 11th, for the purpose of installing the officers. I was accompanied and assisted by W. Bro. W. M. Dickson, of Renfrew Lodge, who has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of Bonnechere Lodge. There was a good attendance of the members, and the newly installed officers closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. I again visited this Lodge on June 13th, accompanied by W. Bro. W. Hav. of Renfrew Lodge, and three of Bonnechere's warmest and most enthusiastic friends. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. Alexander Morris, of Pembroke Lodge, who had driven 26 miles to be at the meeting. The work of the evening was a passing; the degree was fairly well done, but it was evident that the officers had not done enough rehearsing. I urged the officers to rehearse their work as often as possible so as to become accurate and easy in all the floor work, as well as perfect in the ritual. The candidate was well up in the former degree and repeated his obligation. The Secretary, Bro. C. W. J. Haworth, is a very efficient officer. At the close of the evening we adjourned to the Ottawa House, where an elaborate supper was served and a social hour spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: I visited this Lodge June 1st, and although the evening was very

stormy, there was a good attendance of the members. I was glad to meet W. Bro. Hall, W. M., of Hawkesbury Lodge, at this meeting. The first degree was conferred upon two brothers in a very creditable manner, the officers all doing their work splendidly, the Inner Guard being specially well up in his work. W. Bro. McAlpine is a good worker and an enthusiastic Mason. The Secretary, W. Bro. H. Carl Jones, is an excellent officer. The brethren have secured additional room during the last year, and have now a very comfortable Lodge room well furnished, they have splendid preparation rooms and a fine banquet hall. The prospects of this Lodge are good.

In the resume of my visits I have not mentioned the names of the brethren in the city of Ottawa who so loyally supported and encouraged me on all my official visits to the city Lodges. It must not therefore be inferred that I did not appreciate their very great kindness, and I desire to thank my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. John Wilson, for his valuable advice on many occasions during the year, the P. D. D. G. M's, P. M's, Masters and brethren for their thoughtfulness in accompanying me on my official visits.

In conclusion I desire to thank those brethren who have so ably assisted me in the discharge of my official duties. I have been most loyally received in every Lodge in which I have visited, and I only hope that I lay down the gavel of office leaving the District in as good a condition as I received it.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

N. W. CLEARY, D.D.G.M.,

Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ottawa District, No. 16, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Degree's			Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.		
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emergency.	Total.											
21a	St. John's.	Vankleek Hill.	72	12	...	9	5	5	3	1	...	...	14	14	22	\$10 00	\$5 00	187	\$05 00	Dec. 22, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$500 00
52	Dalhousie.	Ottawa.	163	7	...	27	35	23	3	1	7	6	11	8	19	33	...	24	300 00	June 24, '03	Good	The Best	Yes	Yes		
58	Doric.	Ottawa.	115	8	...	7	11	10	1	1	3	3	1	9	4	13	26	...	283 00	Dec. 27, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	85 00		
63	St. John's.	Carleton Place	153	6	...	9	8	7	2	1	3	2	13	2	15	30	30 00	20	150 00	Dec. 28, '03	Good	Good	Yes	1300 00		
122	Renfrew.	Renfrew	117	5	...	5	4	4	1	1	...	...	13	13	27	45 50	7	...	100 50	Dec. 27, '03	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	500 00
128	Renfrew.	Renfrew	141	6	...	14	8	8	2	7	...	...	1	14	4	18	...	36	221 50	June 28, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
147	Mississippi.	Almonte	94	4	...	11	4	3	...	2	10	...	1	12	1	13	21	80 00	161 50	Jan'y, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	350 00		
148	Civil Serv.	Ottawa	102	14	...	5	11	13	11	2	1	3	2	10	5	15	27	66 35	188 75	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	150 00		
189	Goodwood.	Richmond	87	6	...	1	6	8	...	4	1	1	1	12	2	14	15	32 00	46	400 00	May, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
177	Builders.	Ottawa	161	15	...	3	12	15	10	3	2	1	12	2	14	45	121 00	287	400 25	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	...
186	Plan tag n't.	Plantagenet	39	5	...	3	3	2	1	5	4	9	17	...	5	25 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Doubtful	Yes	None	
196	Mad'aska	Arnprior	97	16	...	5	11	11	9	4	1	4	1	13	9	22	20	216 87	5	105 50	Dec. 28, '03	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
209	Evergreen.	Lanark	50	1	...	1	...	2	8	1	9	10	5 00	20	150 00	June 24, '03	Fair	Good	No	200 00	
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	133	11	...	3	9	10	1	1	2	1	1	10	5	15	30	62 50	3	210 28	Dec. 24, '03	Splendid	Bright	Yes	100 00	
264	Chaudiere.	Ottawa	119	3	1	2	5	...	1	1	1	3	12	1	13	23	77 84	26	136 12	June 25, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	...
371	P. of Wales	Ottawa	89	5	...	2	5	4	3	...	2	10	1	11	30	53 50	6	60 00	Dec. 26, '03	Good	V'y Good	Yes	150 00	
405	Mattawa.	Mattawa	90	8	...	5	8	9	8	4	1	2	...	2	13	2	15	14	162 80	31	211 25	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
433	Bonnech're	Eganville	47	4	...	4	5	4	2	1	12	1	13	10	45 80	12	68 25	Jan'y, 1904	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00	
450	Hawksbury	Hawksbury	49	4	...	8	5	7	...	...	4	...	...	10	4	14	16	5 00	...	June 20, '03	...	...	Yes	...
459	Colden.	Colden	38	9	...	7	6	6	2	...	1	...	...	11	5	16	20	...	...	Dec. 27, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
U D	Carleton.	Carp	29	...	...	5	2	2	3	...	...	...	6	2	8	...	5 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the condition of Masonry in Algoma District, No. 17, during the years 1903 and 1904.

I am pleased to be able to report that every Lodge in the District is in a very prosperous condition, and that the prospects are most encouraging in this new and rapidly developing part of the Province. During my tenure of office several of the towns in the District have nearly doubled in population, and Masonry has fully kept pace with the material progress of the District. The annual dues of the members are better paid than formerly, and I have been very particular in trying to stir up the officers having charge of that part of the work to try and have a still better state of affairs in respect to Lodge dues.

The matter of the Semi-Centennial Fund I have repeatedly urged upon the Masters, officers and members of the Lodges. Considerable sums have been raised by subscriptions, but the remittance of the amounts to the Grand Secretary has, in most cases, been delayed until the present. I trust that all returns relating to this very deserving cause will be in the hands of the Grand Secretary before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The harmony that exists among the brethren in this part of New Ontario is most gratifying. Another very pleasing feature is the exchange of visits which we very frequently have, not only between our Canadian Lodges but also between our brethren in the United States and those in Canada. Scarcely a meeting of our Lodge takes place without having some visitors from across the line. This necessitates the most strict vigilance on the part of the examining committees when admitting visiting brethren. I have always impressed upon Boards of Trial the necessity of the very strictest examination and the produc-

tion of satisfactory documentary evidence. Several imposters have been detected, and through the assistance of the Grand Lodge of Ohio a list of clandestine Lodges in that State has been obtained by us and may now be seen in many of our preparation rooms.

The work as carried on throughout the District is uniform and in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In some cases the floor work was not as good as I expected to find it, and when I deemed it necessary I instructed the brethren in the secret work, and in a kindly manner pointed out any mistake that has been made. I noticed with much pleasure, when making my visits, the good attendance of Past Masters, and that many of them take a very active interest in the work.

Shortly after being elected and duly installed as District Deputy Grand Master, I appointed the Rev. Bro. J. W. Thursby, of Port Arthur, as District Chaplain, and W. Bro. M. N. Bridgeman, of Fort William, as District Secretary, both of whom I wish to thank for their assistance in looking after the interests of the Craft in Algoma. My official visits were made early in my term of office, as my duties as High School teacher prevented me from leaving Port Arthur during the school term.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances: I visited this Lodge Friday, August 7th, and was met at the railway station at midnight of the 6th by W. Bro. J. C. Hollands, P. M., and Bro. Sissons, J. W., who very kindly escorted me to suitable lodgings. W. Bro. D. J. Gillon, the W. M., has been out of town on professional duties, but returned in time, and at much personal inconvenience to himself to be present at our meeting. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gillon in an excellent manner, and I have every reason to congratulate the officers for their very efficient work and for the large attendance. After the degree was conferred I went through all the secret works of the Blue Lodge, and was much pleased to see the intense interest taken by the members in having their work in strict conformity to that of the Grand Lodge. Several American Masons were present and spoke in very complimentary terms of their Canadian brethren and the work as done by them in Fort Frances. W. Bro. J. C. Hollands, P. M. of Granite Lodge, is a very able and enthusiastic Mason, and has done very much to make Granite one of the best Lodges in the District. This Lodge is about to move into a new Lodge room, which I

understand will be owned by themselves. Masonry in Fort Frances is in first-class condition.

Ionic Lodge, U. D., Rainy River: At the time of my official trip this Lodge was not yet constituted, and as the dispensation was held by my predecessor, I had no authority from the Grand Lodge to constitute it. However, I met the W. M., W. Bro. D. Robertson, of Rainy River, and some of the members of the Lodge and had a long, and I trust useful, consultation. It was arranged that I should come again and visit the Lodge after it was legally constituted, but I am very sorry to say that continual ill-health has prevented me from fulfilling my promise so far, as it would have necessitated for me a railroad journey of nearly 600 miles, which I am not able to endure. The Rainy River brethren have one of the finest Lodge rooms between Toronto and Winnipeg, and from all that I hear about them their work is quite on a par with the excellence of their Lodge rooms. On my arrival at Rat Portage I was met at the landing by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Brydon, who conducted me to my lodgings, and shortly after I was introduced to R. W. Bro. A. Moore, R. W. Bro. Ferguson, W. Bro. Dr. Schnar, and several other distinguished brethren whose names I cannot remember. During my stay in Rat Portage and Keewatin I was most kindly entertained by the members of the different Lodges.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414: I visited this Lodge on August 11th, and found a splendid gathering. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. Brenchley in a very creditable manner. W. Bro. Brenchley is kind and affable in manner, and has the confidence and enthusiastic support of his Lodge. I pointed out a few slight errors in the work of the subordinate officers, and they seemed quite willing to be put right. After the Lodge was over I held a short meeting of the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens, during which the duties of such officers were freely discussed.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin: On the evening of August 11 the members of the Rat Portage Lodges were so kind as to engage the beautiful yacht, the Clipper, and escort me to Keewatin. Nearly all the P. D. D. G. M's, Past Masters and Masters of the town came with me on my visit to Keewatin Lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. Gilchrist, opened his Lodge in each of the degrees and also exemplified the initial ceremony. The candidate not

being in attendance, a substitute kindly took his place. The work of the Lodge was put to several severe tests, but in every instance the W. M. and his officers were up to the mark. Keewatin is a good Lodge and has first-class officers.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Rat Portage: The attendance of the members of this Lodge when I visited it on August 12th was not so large as I expected, but the visitors more than made up for the deficiency. W. Bro. Dr. Schnarr was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. S. T. Ferguson, W. Bro. Dr. Chapman, and W. Bro. W. A Weir, who was at the time J. W. of the Lodge. With such an able set of officers the work could not fail to be done in an excellent manner, but I must say that I was not satisfied with the floor work of the Deacons. W. Bro. Schnarr is a good officer, but is inclined to be rather severe at times. The iron hand is not always best in a Masonic Lodge. The third degree was conferred on a member of Pequonga Lodge.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: A splendid gathering of Masons welcomed me on my official visit to this Lodge, October 14th. V. W. Bro. Hollinshead, W. M., conferred the first degree in his usual excellent style. I have known V. W. Bro. Hollinshead from the night of his initiation into Masonry up to the present time. I must say he is an indefatigable worker and a most outspoken brother in whatever he deems to be right. He is ably supported by his staff of officers and his Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. I cannot forbear to mention the large amount this Lodge has contributed to Masonic relief during the year. Well done, brethren.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William: This new Lodge is doing excellent work. I made my official visit on the evening of April 6th. This happened to be the day when the Secretary of the Lodge, V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, returned from his trip from California. A very large gathering of Masons were in attendance and a most social evening was spent. As I had visited this Lodge on many previous occasions and had seen W. Bro. John McRae and his officers confer many degrees in a most satisfactory manner I did not ask them to confer any this evening. They do first-class work in Royal Lodge, and with such members as W. Bro. C. H. Jackson, Mayor of Fort William; Bro. C. W. Jarvis, ex-Mayor; W. Bro. James H. Perry, V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, R. W. Bro. McDougall,

W. Bro. McLaren, V. W. Bro. W. N. Bridgeman, and many more I could mention if space would permit, the success of Royal Lodge is assured.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: Last, but not least, my own mother Lodge, to which I owe so much, what shall I say for her? I have been in regular attendance at this Lodge since the night of my initiation, and will, I trust, be as long as I live. I paid my official visit on the evening of December 1st, 1903. Our Lodge room was filled to its utmost capacity. Among those present were R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie (the first Mason initiated in Shuniah Lodge), R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray, R. W. Bro. A. Thompson, R. W. Bro. Beaver, and many of the Past Masters (the list is too long for this report). W. Bro. G. W. Brown and his officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. Shuniah is a first-class Lodge in every sense of the word—active, enthusiastic and very progressive. The greatest harmony prevails; may it long continue.

Before concluding my report I wish to state that I have visited Fort William Lodge, No. 415, under its new Master, W. Bro. Fred. Symes, who is a most earnest and capable officer, and found everything in first-rate order. The Secretary of the Lodge is Bro. P. J. Pilkey, B. A., headmaster of Fort William High School.

My last official visit was made to Royal Lodge, July 6, but the new W. M., W. Bro. A. McNaughton, was unavoidably absent. I am told he does first-class work.

Our new Master in Shuniah, W. Bro. John Forde, is a most vigilant Master; no error ever escapes his watchful eye, and no mistake will go uncorrected while he is in the chair. He has thoroughly prepared himself to employ and instruct his brethren in Masonry.

I have examined the books of each of the Lodges during my visits and find all the Secretaries faithful and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

In conclusion I may be excused for giving a few words of parting advice. My dear brethren, our Lodges will be estimated by the lives we lead and by our enthusiasm for our noble Order. Our progress will depend very largely upon our choice of officers and on their standing in the community. We should ever be punctual in our attendance; we should open our Lodges promptly, transact our business with dispatch, practice our "rites" and "mysteries" for the instruction of our younger mem

bers, enjoy social intercourse as *gentlemen*, and close our Lodges in good time. We should make our meetings such that we would never hear the opprobrious excuse for absence, "There was an entertainment in the opera," or "There was a card party at the residence of Mrs. So-and-So."

Owing to almost continual ill-health I feel that my work as District Deputy Grand Master has fallen far short of my ideal. I am glad to be relieved of my responsibility and to see my successor installed in my stead. I desire to convey to my brethren of Algoma District my most sincere thanks for electing me to this very honorable position, and wish my successor in office a most prosperous and pleasant time in the discharge of his duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES W. MORGAN, D.D.G.M.,

Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-ber-ship		Degrees Confr'd		Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.									
				Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.											M. M.								
287	Shuniah....	Port Arthur....	127 18	...	16 11	7	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	13	7	20	21	100 00	47	\$ 624	25 June, 1903	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$300 00	
414	Pequonga...	Rat Portage...	100	...	5 7 11	10	1	1	1	4	4	...	...	14	6	20	20	154 75	18	307 00	June 24, '03	Good	Excellent	Yes	600 00
415	Ft. William	Fort William.	87 23	...	23 19	19	2	4	3	2	...	...	...	14	12	26	26	154 75	12	153 00	June 24, '03	Vy Good	Excellent	Yes	500 00
417	Keewatin...	Keewatin...	61 4	...	2 3 2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	12	...	22	514 75	Dec. 28, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
446	Granite....	Fort Francis...	51	...	5 3 3	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	16	17	35 00	...	81 65	Dec., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
445	Lake Woods	Rat Portage...	29 4	...	2 1 2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	4	90 00	June, 1903	Good	Bright	Yes	...
453	Royal.....	Fort William..	46 11	...	1 7 11	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	10	23	18	30 00	Dec., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
UD	Ionic.....	Rainy River...	36 22	...	16 11	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	9	20	17	...	...	...	Dec., 1903	Good	Good	Yes	...

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District No. 18 during the past year. I desire to thank most sincerely the brethren of the District for the honor conferred on me by electing me the first D. D. G. M. of this new (re-arranged) District. It is a compliment which I felt that I was undeserving, but have endeavored to discharge the duties pertaining to the office with diligence and impartiality. I wish particularly to acknowledge the courtesy and kindness with which I have been received by the brethren while making my official visits, and to express the great pleasure it has been to me to meet so many worthy craftsmen. During my tenure of office it has been my good fortune to have made at least one official visit to every Lodge in the District, and to have represented the M. W. the Grand Master in dedicating and consecrating one Lodge and in organizing another under dispensation, which, coupled with the fact that every Lodge in the District shows a healthy increase in membership for the year, speaks well for the condition of Masonry in this part of the Grand Jurisdiction. But just here I wish to sound a note of warning as to the danger of Grand Lodge ceding to the too optimistic views of brethren residing in small hamlets and granting them dispensations for the formation of Lodges which, when the first rush of enthusiasm has had time to subside (and some ambitious brother has attained the goal of his desire in the rank of P. M.) will either "wither, fade and die" a natural death from financial stress and a lack of vital force in the form of desirable new material, or else eke out an unhonored existence by accepting candidates without whom our noble Order will have less cause for regret. I speak thus plainly because the danger is imminent.

BY-LAWS.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, early in the year, amended their by-laws and later adopted an entirely new set, which the Grand Master was pleased to confirm after the usual recommendation.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year dispensations to attend divine service clothed as Masons was granted by me to the brethren of Doric Lodge, No. 455; Dymont Lodge, No. 442, and Nipissing Lodge, No. 420. The brethren of the latter Lodge were also granted a dispensation by the Grand Master to attend a Masonic At Home in regalia. I wish while on this subject to express my hearty approval of the course followed by the brethren of Keystone and Algoma Lodges, who attended church in a body on June 26th, without Masonic regalia, which I think better fulfils the supreme object of worshiping our Divine Creator without rendering the Craft liable to the charge so often made by the public that such processions are more for show than for the glory of God.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have occurred among the brethren of Nipissing District during the past year: Keystone Lodge, No. 412, V. W. Bro. Edward Biggings and Bro. W. H. Standish; Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, Bro. F. S. Harrison; Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Bro. John S. Miller; Dymont Lodge, No. 442, Bro. Wm. Irving, and Temiskaming Lodge, U. D., Bros. John Spence and Robert England.

CONSECRATION.

On November the 20th, 1903, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Howey, V. W. Bro. Sharp, and W. Bros. Orr, Dorsett, Gill and McKinnon, all of Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, I visited Little Current by order of the Grand Master, where Grand Lodge was opened in form in Turner's Hall, from whence it adjourned to the new Lodge room of Doric Lodge, No. 445, which was then consecrated in due form, according to the beautiful ceremony of our Order. Upon the completion of the ceremony of consecration the officers of Doric Lodge, No. 455, were installed by R. W. Bro. Howey and V. W. Bro. Sharp in a most impressive manner. Doric Lodge is prospering

well under the guidance of W. Bros. Powell and Bellwood, and bids fair to become one of the best Lodges in this District. The brethern of Doric Lodge entertained the visiting brethren most sumptuously after the ceremony. I cannot let the occasion pass without publicly expressing my thanks and sense of personal obligation to the W. Bros. of Nickel Lodge who so generously accompanied and assisted me with the ceremony at great inconvenience to themselves.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

My first official visit was made on St. John's night, December 27th, to Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, on which occasion the officers for the ensuing year were installed by R. W. Bro. Howey, assisted by V. W. Bro. Sharp, in a manner which amply sustained the reputation of both these distinguished brothers. As this is the Lodge of which I have the honor to be a member I have had ample opportunity of seeing the work done in the various degrees, and need only say that the W. M. and his officers are most painstaking and assiduous in their duties and have the advantage of the guidance and assistance of a corps of Past Masters who for enthusiasm and zeal are second to none. This is the second strongest Lodge in the District numerically and in point of equipment, and in strict observance in the work is only second to Keystone.

On March the 14th I paid my official visit to Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, at North Bay, where I had the good fortune to have the company of R. W. Bros. Howey and Young, P. D. D. G. M's. This Lodge has a new and well appointed Lodge room and is in a flourishing condition financially and otherwise. It has been suffering somewhat of late from an indiscriminate and improper use of the black ball, for the cure of which I recommend the W. M. and officers to amend their by-laws by incorporating in them a charge on the ballot, setting forth the duties of members in this respect, and to be read on all occasions before balloting. W. Bro. Weegar, the present W. M. of Nipissing Lodge, is a most enthusiastic Mason, and exemplified the first degree in a very impressive manner. The attendance was good and the brethren evinced a keen interest in everything pertaining to the good of the Craft. After the close of the Lodge W. Bro. Weegar entertained the visitors and members with gramophone, feast and song.

On March the 28th I officially visited Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447. This is quite a young lodge, and on the night of my visit was without the services of its W. M., W. Bro. McAmmond, who had just recently removed from town. His place was ably taken by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, who conferred the second degree in a faultless manner, being assisted by V. W. Bro. Leask, of North Bay, who is also a member of this Lodge. The attendance was rather poor on the night of my visit, but will, I hope, improve with returning prosperity of the town. Since my visit a new W. M. has been elected and installed, and it will be one of his first duties to instruct the brethren in regular attendance, and his officers in punctuality in answering official correspondence so as not to delay the work of Grand Lodge.

On April the 26th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Liddel, P. D. D. G. M., I had the pleasure of visiting Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, where I was right royally received and entertained by the brethren. This is the banner Lodge of the District, both in point of numbers and proficiency in the work, which is only to be expected in a Lodge which boasts no less than four P. D. D. G. M's among its most zealous and active members, in addition to a corps of Past Masters, any one of whom is always ready and willing to fill any chair in the Lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. McCrea, assisted by W. Bros. Campbell, Way, Thompson, and R. W. Bro. Hearst exemplified the third degree in a manner which left nothing to be desired. Where every one did their work perfectly it is not necessary to particularise, but suffice it to say, that I have never seen the work done better, and their fourth degree was in no way inferior to their third. It affords me great pleasure to be able to add that the true spirit of Masonry is as well exemplified in Keystone as is the degree work. Nothing could exceed the countesy and fraternity extended by the brethren of Keystone to those members of their own Lodge and non-affiliates living in Sault Ste. Marie who have made application for and been granted a dispensation for a new Lodge, called Algoma Lodge, which has concurrent jurisdiction with Keystone. They wished them Godspeed in a most hearty manner and materially assisted the brethren of Algoma Lodge by renting them Keystone's paraphernalia and Lodge room for a nominal sum until such time as they can secure one of their own. I cannot close my report of this Lodge with-

out offering my congratulations to the brethren of this, my mother Lodge, on the magnificence of their new Lodge room and appointments, which are certainly the best I have ever seen outside of a large city.

On April the 28th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Boyd, P. G. R., and W. Bros. W. L. Nicholls and J. B. Way, of Keystone Lodge, I paid my official visit to Dyment Lodge, No. 442, at Thessalon, Ont. This Lodge was organized in 1897, and now boasts a membership of seventy-four active and zealous Masons. The W. M. and officers of the Lodge conferred the second degree in a manner which, while not faultless, led me to believe that the work in this Lodge is done in a conscientious and satisfactory manner. I am of the opinion that it would be greatly to the advantage of Masonry if every efficient W. M. of a Lodge were given a second term in office, as at the end of his first year he has just gained the confidence and experience which is necessary to properly conduct the work of the Lodge and instruct the junior officers in the duties of their respective chairs. The prospects of Dyment Lodge are good.

On June the 8th I re-visited Sault Ste. Marie and organized and instituted Algoma Lodge under dispensation, with a charter membership of twenty-two, including P. D. D. G. M., C. F. Farwell, P. G. R., J. C. Boyd, and P. M's McFadden and Roberts, which is a sufficient guarantee that this new Lodge will be conducted in the true spirit of Masonry and add lustre to the Craft. In the ceremony of instituting this Lodge I had the able assistance of R. W. Bro. Cobb, of North Bay, Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Bros. Hearst and Knight, P. D. D. G. M's, together with the W. M. and most of the P. M's of Keystone Lodge.

On July the 8th I paid my official visit to Temiskaming Lodge, U. D., at New Liskard, Ont., a thriving little town at the head of Lake Temiskaming, which is just recovering from the stagnating effects of an epidemic of smallpox. I found the members active and enthusiastic Masons who have gathered from all parts of the Province to seek their fortune in a new field, but am sorry to say that the affairs of the Lodge have been conducted in a somewhat lax and slipshod manner both as regards procedure and work. The Lodge was rather handicapped on the night of my visit owing to the absence of both Wardens; one, being a minister, having taken advantage of the closing of the churches on account of smallpox, to take his summer holidays; and the other, from the same cause, was

enjoying (?) an enforced holiday in the isolation hospital, where I was glad to learn he was rapidly recovering from the loathsome disease. W. Bro. O'Brien, P. M., of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, has lately become a member of this Lodge, which will, I am sure, greatly improve in ritual work under his skilled guidance. The brethren gave me a most cordial welcome on my arrival in their midst, and insisted on feasting me before they would let me depart. I have no doubt this will eventually become a prosperous Lodge, but in the meantime much close attention to the ritual is required on the part of all the officers. The Lodge was fortunate in having the service of W. Bro. J. H. Bell, of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, who occupied the West in the absence of the Senior Warden.

In concluding my report I wish to say that the present rearrangement of Nipissing District, No. 18, when Mattawa Lodge is included, is about perfect, and will fill the needs of Masonry in New Ontario for a long time to come. I also wish to again thank the brethren of Nipissing District for the honor they have done me, and to express the hope that I may live to see many of the brethren who have thus honored me, themselves discharge the duties of this honorable position.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. H. ARTHUR, D.D.G.M..

Nipissing District, No. 18.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the newly formed Muskoka District, No. 19.

Shortly after my election to the office of D. D. G. M. it was my misfortune to suffer a severe attack of illness, which forced me to remain in Grace Hospital, Toronto, for several weeks. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge officers and to the Masters and Past Masters of the Toronto Lodges for the great kindness shown me during my illness. In this connection I desire to mention in particular the name of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, who was most untiring in his attentions to me.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Allman, of Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. A. M. Currie, of Granite Lodge, No. 352, District Secretary.

I was under the necessity of purchasing a new D. D. G. M's regalia for this District. The cost was cheerfully contributed by the eight Lodges.

Early in the year I issued a circular letter to the Masters of the various Lodges calling their attention to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and endeavoring to point out the duties of every Mason in a charitable scheme of this nature. In my official visits also, I may say, that I took every opportunity of urging the brethren to activity in securing large subscriptions. My efforts, I believe, will be well rewarded, and Muskoka District, I have reason to expect, will give a good account of itself in this grand cause of humanity. In the same circular I called the attention of the brethren to a lack of thoroughness in the advancement of candidates. I had reference to candidates being advanced without being required to repeat their

obligations from memory, and without being examined in the work of the third degree after being raised. My suggestions have been received most heartily, and the results have been very gratifying indeed.

I visited all the Lodges upon the evenings of their regular meetings. In every case was I impressed with the enthusiasm and genuine fraternal feeling among the brethren. The progress the Lodges are making, both in finance and in membership, is marked, and the class of candidates received within our portals is undoubtedly the best element in the community. It would be ungrateful on my part were I not to mention that I am much indebted to many of my brethren throughout the District for valuable hints and suggestions in the discharge of my duties. In this connection I wish to speak of R. W. Bro. Knifton and V. W. Bro. Foot, of Granite Lodge, No. 352, and R. W. Bro. Shearer, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, and particularly of my Secretary, W. Bro. A. M. Currie, W. M. of Granite Lodge, No. 352.

DISPENSATIONS.

Four applications were received by me for dispensations, which I granted as follows: Strong Lodge, No. 423, to meet in new hall; Granite Lodge, No. 352, to attend divine service in Masonic regalia; Strong Lodge, No. 423, to attend divine service in Masonic regalia; Unity Lodge, No. 376, to attend divine service in Masonic regalia.

DEDICATION.

Application was made through me by Strong Lodge, No. 423, to have their new Lodge room dedicated. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master very kindly consented to be present on the occasion. The 24th of May, 1904, was the date selected to perform the ceremony. The attendance was large, and as a Masonic function all agreed it was the most successful ever held in this part of the Province. Among the distinguished brethren present were: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. John E. Harding, K. C., Lindsay; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, Hamilton; R. W. Bro. B. Allen, Deputy Grand Master, Toronto; R. W. Bro. Rev. A. J. F. Cobb, Grand Chaplain, North Bay; R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, P. D. D. G. M., Burk's Falls; R. W. Bro. J. N. Shearer, P. D. D. G. M., Huntsville; W. Bro. Rev.

A. H. Allman, District Chaplain, Emsdale; W. Bro. S. Phillips, B. A., Minden; W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Sturgeon, Burk's Falls; W. Bro. W. A. Kelsey, Burk's Falls; W. Bro. W. Carmichael, Powassan; W. Bro. W. W. McPhee, Gravenhurst; W. Bro. J. E. Fisher, Huntsville; W. Bro. E. B. Grant, Emsdale. After the dedication ceremonies were performed and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form the brethren repaired to the Town Hall, where a banquet was served in excellent style.

The honor conferred upon Strong Lodge by the presence of such a large Masonic gathering, including so many distinguished members of the Craft, will most assuredly have a strong influence for good, not only upon Strong Lodge itself, but upon the District as a whole.

VISITS.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: I made my official visit to this Lodge on the night of the 16th of March. I was right royally received by the largest gathering of Masons that has greeted me throughout the District. The chair was ably filled by W. Bro. A. M. Currie, W. M. The work was two first degrees, performed by the W. M. and V. W. Bro. Foot. The work was well done in both instances. Although it was only the third night since W. Bro. Currie's installation, he has given the three degrees in a perfect manner. He speaks in a clear, distinct impressive voice. In fact, I have never listened to work done so well in any other Lodge. The Secretary's work is well done by W. Bro. McFarlane, who has held the position of Secretary of Granite Lodge for a great number of years, and the brethren know how to appreciate a valuable officer. W. Bro. King, S. W., performs his duty in a very creditable manner. The J. W.'s chair is filled by Bro. Bundy, who is a young officer, but a very enthusiastic one, and his work is certainly well done. Bro. Johnstone, S. D., performs his work with a grace and neatness which is a pleasure to see. Bro. Moore, J. D., is a good second; in fact, the work performed by all the officers is as near perfection as it is possible to have it. Granite Lodge is to be congratulated on having such members as R. W. Bro. Knifton, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Foot, P. G. S., who are always in attendance, and whose advice and instruction are invaluable. Granite Lodge is in a flourishing condition financially, owning the large brick block in which their Lodge room is situated. After the business of the even-

ing we adjourned to the beautifully furnished refreshment room, where Bro. Morley prepared a repast suitable for the gods. After partaking of every delicacy I was requested to present V. W. Bro. Foot with a handsome P. M's jewel. Following that were speeches, songs and recitations, which closed one of the most successful meetings that Granite Lodge ever had.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: My official visit was made to this Lodge on February 2nd, 1904. The regular officers were in their respective places and the attendance was fair. W. Bro. Warne is a good executive officer. The strong arm of this Lodge is its distinguished Past Masters, R. W. Bros. Huber and Mills. To show that no office in a Masonic Lodge is beneath the dignity of even the most distinguished of its members, R. W. Bro. Huber fills the office of Tyler. The Lodge was opened and closed at my request in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. The books are neatly kept by W. Bro. Mills. The prospects of the Lodge are good.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the evening of April 13th, 1904. I was cordially received by a large attendance of brethren. Were it not that the Lodge held a most enjoyable and brilliant At-Home the evening previous, the attendance, I am sure, would have been much larger on the evening of my visit, although I was highly pleased with the attendance on this occasion. W. Bro. Fisher, W. M., presided. The other officers were present except the S. W., whose office was filled by W. Bro. Reece in a proper manner. The work of the evening was a first and a third degree. The first degree was conferred by the W. M., assisted by R. W. Bro. Shearer, while the third degree was given by the W. M. alone. The W. M., of course, had too much to do where there are so many able and willing P. M's. I urged upon those sitting in the East the desirability of dividing up their work among them in order to give effectiveness to a degree, keep Past Masters abreast, and at the same time relieve the W. M. My suggestions and criticisms were received in proper Masonic spirit. W. Bro. Fisher is a capable officer to direct the affairs of the Lodge. This Lodge is to be congratulated upon having such a distinguished brother and able exponent of Masonry as R. W. Bro. Shearer. I feel personally indebted to Bro. Shearer for many valuable suggestions, so that I fully appreciate his high value to Unity Lodge. The books are properly

kept and the finances are in good condition. This is the strongest Lodge in the District in point of membership, and is one of the best conducted Lodges I have visited.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: My official visit was paid this Lodge on the evening of the regular meeting, February 8th, 1904. Unfortunately, notice of my visit did not reach the Secretary, nevertheless the attendance was good. I was pleased to notice by the register that the attendance is always good in Golden Rule Lodge, and this fact speaks volumes of the prosperous condition of the Lodge. All the regular officers, except the J. W., were in their places. W. Bro. Elliot, an able officer, occupies the principal chair for the second term. The first degree was worked by the W. M. in a most acceptable manner. The Wardens' work was accurately done, and the Deacon's work was neat and precise. The Lodge is fortunate in having such enthusiastic and zealous Past Masters as W. Bro. McPhee and R. W. Bro. Mowry, who are always in attendance to render the best service in any capacity. My reception was most cordial, and it was plainly evident that true Masonic spirit prevails among the brethren of Golden Rule Lodge. The financial condition is good, and the prospects of the Lodge are the very best.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: On October 19th, 1903, I visited this, my mother Lodge, of which I had the honor of being Worshipful Master for two years. On the occasion of my official visit I was welcomed by a very fair attendance of brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Stinson, and his regular officers were in their places, and after the usual business of the evening the first degree was conferred upon a very intelligent candidate. The W. M. was ably assisted by P. M's Carmichael and Auldjo. The work was well done, and I was particularly well pleased to see the work of the junior officers so well executed. The lecture was well given by the J. W., Bro. Maxwell, and the charge from the Book of Constitution was given from memory in a most satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Carmichael. I had the honor and pleasure of presenting W. Bro. Auldjo with a handsome P. M's jewel on this occasion. The Secretary's books are neatly kept. The financial condition of the Lodge is improving, and on the whole the prospects of the Lodge are encouraging.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: Visited this Lodge on the evening of May 31, 1904. The attendance

was fair. Was pleased to meet W. Bro. McConkey and W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Allman, District Chaplain. The W. M., W. Bro. Grant, was in the chair. The other officers, excepting the J. W., were in their respective places. As there was no work in the way of conferring degrees, the Lodge, at my request, was opened and closed in the different degrees. This was fairly well done. Algonquin Lodge is now the only Lodge in the District holding its meetings according to the full moon. I advised the brethren to change the night of meeting to Tuesday in the first or second week of the month. This was because calendars differed as to the date when the moon became full in March of this year, and in consequence confusion arose as to when the regular meeting should be held. The general condition of the Lodge is very fair.

Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the evening of January 8th, 1904. On this occasion I had the honor of being accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. J. F. Cobb, Grand Chaplain, who very largely contributed to the success of the evening. This was the first meeting of the Lodge since the installation of officers, and for that reason I did not expect anything like perfection in the work. As there were no candidates for degrees I requested the officers to open and close in the several degrees. The work was done in a manner that assured me of the efficiency of the staff of officers. W. Bro. Porter is a promising officer. My criticism were well received, and I was delighted with the true Masonic spirit that was in evidence. W. Bro. Carmichael is a strong factor in the Lodge. Membership is increasing, and I saw during my visit that the ballot is exclusive. The Lodge room is not attractive, but I was assured that improvement in the near future is contemplated. Bro. Clark is a good Secretary. The financial condition is good. An excellent fourth degree in the refreshment room adjoining the Lodge room closed a very pleasant evening for Powassan Lodge.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls: My official visit to this Lodge was made on the evening of the regular meeting, March 7th, 1904. This is the youngest Lodge in the District, and I was indeed well pleased to find good attendance and keen interest in the work and welfare of the Lodge. All the regular officers were present except the S. W. The P. M's, R. W. Bro. Barber, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. Watson and W. Bro. Kelsey,

were also present. W. Bro. Sturgeon is an enthusiastic officer. The work of the evening was a first degree, which was conferred by the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Watson. The manner in which the work was done by those in the respective chairs assured me that Corona Lodge made no mistake in the selection of its officers. The Lodge room is attractive and comfortable. The books are well kept, and on the whole the Lodge is doing remarkably well. R. W. Bro. Barber is a strong factor in the Craft, and Corona Lodge is fortunate in having him on her membership roll. A fourth degree followed the regular proceedings of the evening.

In conclusion I wish to say that my term of office has been one of great pleasure and profit to me, and I sincerely hope that the benefits derived have been mutual. I have endeavored to perform the duties of my high office to the best of my ability, and if I have fallen short of fulfilling my mission I ask the forgiveness of my brethren who have already shown me so much kindness and consideration. And now I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of this District for the great honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of D. D. G. M.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. J. WHITBY, D.D.G.M.,

Muskoka District, No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1902, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conferred.		F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, S. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	F. A.												F. C.	M. M.									
352	Granite.	Parry Sound...	88	9	3	7	7	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	5	15	24	...	\$15 00	11	\$60 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
360	Muskoka.	Bracebridge...	67	6	...	6	7	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	18	...	...	...	14	73 34	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
376	Unity.	Huntsville...	90	6	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	2	11	18	...	35 00	17	88 75	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
409	Got'n Rule	Gravenhurst...	57	8	...	8	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	5	17	18	...	10 00	9	219 21	May 31, '04	Excellent	Good	Yes	300 00
423	Strong.	Sundridge...	53	13	...	7	5	6	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	13	17	...	...	12	39 50	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
434	Algonquin.	Finsdale...	51	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	1	13	9	...	...	13	97 00	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
443	Powassan.	Powassan...	46	10	...	9	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	9	2	11	18	...	...	15	79 75	Dec. 27, '03	Fair	Good	Yes	None
454	Corona.	Burk's Falls...	35	5	...	3	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	14	3	17	16	...	...	...	2	21 00	May 11, '04	V'y Fair	V'y Fair	Yes	300 00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants :

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Warrants, begs to make the following recommendations :

1. That Warrants be issued to Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, Frontenac District No. 14 ; Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River, Algoma District No. 17; Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, Nipissing District No. 18; North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Hanburton, Ontario District No. 12; King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, Toronto East District No. 11a; Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp, Ottawa District No. 16, and Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale, Georgian District No. 9.

2. That the dispensations granted to Peel Lodge, Caledon East; Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham; Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbor, and Algoma Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. That a dispensation be granted to Gore Bay Lodge, Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island.

4. That in issuing the warrant to Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, the name of W. Bro. John McCracken, P. M., at present acting as Chaplain, and whose name through inadvertence was omitted from the petition for dispensation, be included in the warrant as a charter member.

Fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the order of business be varied and the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be now presented.

REPORT ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the

following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg to report that they have examined the undermentioned accounts and, finding the same correct, recommend them to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment:

Spectator Printing Co., Hamilton, contract work....	\$1,243 68
The Reid Press, Hamilton, special printing.....	506 50
Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, lithographing certificates and warrants... ..	1,131 30
Robert Duncan & Co., Hamilton, stationery, goods, etc.	187 25
A. C. Turnbull, Hamilton, sundry stationery.....	45 23
The Times Printing Co., Hamilton, advertising.....	4 00
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	\$3,117 96

The attention of the Board having been called to the urgent need of an undress regalia for the use of Grand Lodge officers at Craft ceremonies, and with the view of supplying this long-felt deficiency, your Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be empowered to procure a complete set of Masonic clothing from England for the purpose named, at a cost not to exceed \$200.

The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge (those deemed prudent to print at this time) in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their presentation to Grand Lodge, and not before.

Fraternally submitted.

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance :

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, having audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and certify to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid

over to the Grand Treasurer, and their receipt acknowledged by that officer; vouchers have been produced for the payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in the omce.

The total receipts have been... .. 30,263 95

The total expenditures have been as follows:

General purpose	\$11,032 10
Benevolence	12,905 00
Grant to Mrs. J. J. Mason	2,000 00
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	25,937 10

Receipts over expenditures \$4,326 85

Receipts last year were \$26,724.61, the increase this year being \$3,539.34.

The receipts for the past year have been the largest in the history of Grand Lodge, and prove well the prosperity of the Craft under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

During the year the Investment Committee have invested the sum of \$12,148.50 in the purchase of the St. Thomas school debentures bearing 4 per cent., which purchase will net Grand Lodge 4 and one-sixteenth per cent.

The funds of Grand Lodge on May 31, 1904, were as follows :

Brockville debentures, face value 4 per cent.....	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock debentures, face value 6 per cent.	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co. debenture at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Permanent Western Mortgage Corporation debentures at 4 per cent.	10,000 00
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Landed Building and Loan Debentures 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Saving and Loan Co. debentures 4 per cent.	5,000 00
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co debentures 4 per cent.	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident Loan Co. debentures 4 per cent.	15,000 00
City of Brantford light debentures 4 per cent.	8,000 00
St. Thomas school debentures 4 per cent, netting Grand Lodge 4 1-16 per cent.	12,148 50
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	\$105,148 50

Balance at credit of current account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on May 31, 1904.....	6,008 01
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\$111,156 51

We would recommend, as certain investments amounting to \$40,000.00 will become due during the ensuing year, that the Investment Committee be instructed to provide proper investments for such amount, and also for any amount held by the Grand Treasurer in excess of what may be required for regular expenses of Grand Lodge.

The Board recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Committee on Foreign Correspondence	\$ 100 00
Grand Secretary's balance for incidentals up to May 31, 1904	53 90
Grand Secretary, advanced for incidentals	700 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
General Masonic Relief Association Fund	152 00
Benevolent grants	14,475 00
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	\$15,493 40

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommend their payment:

Copp, Clarke Co., certificates and warrants	\$1,131 30
A. C. Turnbull, stationery and supplies	45 23
The Reid Press Printing Co., Hamilton, special printing	506 50
Robert Duncan Co., Hamilton, stationery, etc.	187 25
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	\$3,117 96

The letter from Lorne Lodge, No. 375, and Leamington Lodge, No. 290, also from Mr. J. D. Carr, of Yonghal, Ireland.

1. The case of Lorne Lodge be referred to the Grand Secretary for adjustment and settlement.

2. That Leamington Lodge, No. 290, be furnished with a charter free to replace the one destroyed by fire.

3. That the request from Mr. J. D. Carr for a grant from this Grand Lodge for a bazaar be not entertained, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. J. D. Carr the decision of this Board.

The Grand Treasurer produced for our inspection the Grand Secretary's bond issued by The United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co., Head Office Baltimore, Md. Same is drawn on a special and approved form, and fixed the sum \$5,000.00, and authorized the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer for the time being to fully represent Grand Lodge. The bond is in the possession of the Grand Treasurer, who is authorized to renew the same.

Your committee are in perfect accord with the action of Grand Lodge in appointing an auditor, who examines the various accounts of the Grand Secretary, and reports finding to the Grand Master monthly. The official auditor submitted his report to this committee and would recommend that the same be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge. We would recommend that the auditor be granted \$300 for his services.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. S. MAY,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. George S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

Grand Lodge of Canada,
Brockville, Ont., July 18, 1904.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Sir and Brethren,—By instructions of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I have, since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, made a monthly audit of the books of the Secretary. I have found the receipts properly entered and the cash deposited promptly to the credit of the Grand Treasurer. I have checked the items of debit and credit to the Lodges and different funds, and certify that the Statement of Receipts from Lodges and balances to their debit or credit as compiled by the Grand Secretary to be correct.

On 4th June, 1904, in company with the Grand Treasurer, I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge, in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and found them to be correct and agreeing with the list of Grand Lodge investments, and the coupons for unmatured interest properly attached thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

R. L. GUNN, C.A., Auditor.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE.

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs to report that 306 applications have been received and have been dealt with as follows :

143 applications from Local Boards of Relief, of which 141 have been granted, amounting to..	\$ 5,335 00
(And 2 applications have been refused.)	
163 applications from Lodges, of which 160 have been granted, amounting to	7,380 00
(And 3 applications have been refused.)	

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge—

Mrs. Wm. Wilson	\$300 00
Mrs. T. D. Harington	300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
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	975 00

Total amount of grants made at this Annual Communication \$13,690 00

During the past year 21 interim grants have been made by the Chairman of the Committee and approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, amounting to.. 785 00

Total grants made during the year \$14,475 00

The Board through the Committee on Benevolence, begs to the tabulated statements furnished by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, amount in the aggregate to \$12,751.00.

The following Lodges have not made returns of the disposal made of amounts granted by Grand Lodge last year, and of local aid given, and consequently cheques will not be issued for any grants made through those Lodges this year until proper returns are received, viz.: Lodges numbered 10, 14,

69, 91, 99, 105, 113, 141, 166, 169, 255, 283, 295, 315, 322, 348, 344, 386, 409, 436 and 447.

The Board recommends that all new applications, and such others as are designated by the Committee, shall be investigated by the Inspector, and that the cheques therefor be withheld until a favorable report be received, or cancelled if reported against.

The relief afforded in cases of extreme distress arising since the last Annual Communication, in which interim grants have been made, has been of great benefit to the needy recipients, and the several grants have the approval of the Board.

The Board has had under consideration a letter from the Local Board of Relief at Ottawa, taking exception to the procedure adopted by this Committee in investigating applications for benevolence and suggesting that the Inspector should consult with the Chairman or Secretary of the Local Board "so that cheques to worthy recipients may be issued more promptly." The Board is of the opinion that the investigation is made with as little delay as possible, and as the eastern section of the Province has usually received the first attention the Board considers that the Ottawa brethren have no great cause of complaint in this respect. As to the advisability of the Inspector consulting with those brethren who have already recommended the applications, the Committee desire to leave that to the discretion of the Inspector as it is desired that he shall give a perfectly independent report on the cases under consideration.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$15.00 and his necessary traveling expenses be paid to the Inspector for his attendance on the Committee.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman of Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

The Board beg to report on the following cases of Grievances and Appeals:

1. Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, vs. W. H. Morgan. Misappropriation of Lodge funds. Last year Grand Lodge found Bro. Morgan guilty of the said offence, and ordered that he be

summoned before this meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled. Bro. Morgan has been duly summoned and has written a letter to the Grand Secretary asking one year more, in order to enable him to make restitution. The Board are disposed to grant the request, and recommend that Bro. Morgan be summoned to show cause at next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

2. Re Norman C. Lloyd. Bro. Lloyd, a member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark, a year ago issued a circular entitled "A Brother in Distress," setting out that he had been induced by Bro. Hubbell, of Ottawa, a Master Mason, to invest moneys in Toronto Street Railway stock, and that he gave Hubbell about \$5,000.00 for the purpose, and received there-alleged were forgeries; that Hubbell shortly afterwards alleged were forgeries; that Hubbell shortly afterwards absconded from Canada and died in Texas a bankrupt. Bro. Lloyd sent this circular to all of the D. D. G. M's in our jurisdiction, one of which was sent to the M. W. the Grand Master, who instructed the Grand Secretary to order Bro. Lloyd to recall said circulars and to desist from any further circulation of same. Bro. Lloyd not only did not desist, but wrote a rather impudent letter to the Grand Secretary and alleging he had a right to call upon his brother Masons to help him. The Grand Master thereupon suspended Bro. Lloyd and appointed a commission to visit Evergreen Lodge and see Bro. Lloyd and investigate the whole matter. The commission did so, and your Board have their report to the effect that it is extremely doubtful that Bro. Lloyd lost any such sum of money; that he had been dabbling in stocks on margin for some time; that he was not in distress, but in comfortable circumstances. The commission had considerable trouble in convincing Bro. Lloyd of his error in issuing such a circular, but when he at last was convinced he promised to apologize to the Grand Master for his conduct, which he has done in a most ample manner. Inasmuch as Bro. Lloyd acted more in ignorance than otherwise, and is now thoroughly penitent, your Board think he has been sufficiently punished by a year's suspension, and would recommend that said suspension be removed.

3. Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburgh, vs. Bro. C. H. Hann. Forgery. Bro. Hann was charged by the Junior Warden with forging the names of six persons to six promissory notes all payable to his own order and aggregating \$640.00, and with discounting the same with Mr. R. G. Baxter, a private banker at Bridgeburgh. The evidence is conclusive in at least one case, where the name forged was of a German woman who could only write in German, whilst her name was written in English on the note. The parties whose names were forged to the other notes all made declarations denying the making of the notes, and Bro. Hann, shortly after their maturity, all of them being at short dates, absconded and wrote the secretary of the Lodge from Buffalo, and whilst denying the forgery practically convicts himself in trying to excuse his conduct. Your Board recommend that Bro. Hann be summoned to show cause, at the next communication of Grand Lodge,

why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

4. Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, vs. W. C. Armstrong. Misappropriation of Lodge funds whilst Secretary of the Lodge for 1901. The evidence, from the Auditor's report, discloses a shortage of \$43.88; also that the Secretary received certain money for dues which he omitted to enter in the books, and to one brother who gave evidence Bro. Armstrong admitted he owed the Lodge \$40.00. Bro. Armstrong was duly summoned to appear before his Lodge for trial on said charges, but did not appear nor offer any excuse or defence. The Lodge found him guilty and suspended him indefinitely and recommended him to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The Board recommend that Bro. Armstrong be summoned to show cause before the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

5. The Board desire to congratulate Grand Lodge upon the smallness of this report, being the least number of cases which have come before Grievances and Appeals Committee for 18 years, and is the best possible evidence of the almost complete peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board has carefully read the reports of the 20 District Deputy Grand Masters, which have been submitted for its information and consideration.

At the date of the last meeting of Grand Lodge there were 375 Lodges on the roll, 372 of them warranted and 3 under dispensation. At the present time there are 381 Lodges on the roll, of which 373 are warranted and 8 under dispensation. For purposes of visitation and inspection these 381 Lodges are grouped in 20 districts. From the reports before the Board it appears that all the Lodges were inspected except five, and that the failure to visit these was caused by circumstances over which the D. D. G. M. had no control. Care seems to have been taken to ascertain by correspondence the condition of these unvisited Lodges, which was

found to be all that could be wished. Under this state of things it is not considered necessary to specially single them out in this report, but the Board does not wish the idea to go abroad that anything short of a personal visit by the District Deputy Grand Master can be considered a satisfactory visitation and inspection of a Lodge.

Grand Lodge from its foundation has recognized the necessity of keeping close supervision of all the Lodges under its jurisdiction, so that uniformity of work might be established, advice and encouragement given, and their progress and prospects ascertained. It being physically impossible for the Grand Master to visit each Lodge every year, it was determined to group them in convenient Districts for purposes of supervision and to give each District the power to elect, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, a well skilled and expert brother who should preside over it as the personal representative of the Grand Master and reflect in it his wisdom, dignity and authority. It will therefore be seen that the office of District Deputy Grand Master is one of great importance, calling for the possession of energy, tact and courage, because it is the duty of these officers not only to advise and enlighten, but, should occasion call for it, to criticise, reprimand, or even suspend an offending Lodge.

It is by the faithful discharge of their duties that the machinery of the Craft is kept in order, its work perfected, and its reputation enhanced. At the end of their terms of office the officers are required to report to Grand Lodge the work they have done and their views upon the state of the Craft in their Districts, so that Grand Lodge may be intelligently seized of the general condition of Masonry throughout the whole jurisdiction.

The various Grand Masters have been fortunate in the character of the men chosen to fill these important positions. It has never been necessary to remove any of them for cause, on the contrary they have performed their duties so faithfully as to earn the respect and encomiums of Grand Lodge, and it is only right to record once again what is the common knowledge of the Craft, that, to the energy and untiring zeal of the long line of illustrious brethren who have so faithfully represented the Grand Master in the various Districts is to be attributed the efficiency, high character and general prosperity which has made this grand jurisdiction to be recognized as one of the most active and benevolent among the Grand Lodges in the world.

The distinguished brethren who have during the past year governed the various Districts under Grand Lodge, have been no exception to the rule, for while benefitting by the good work of their predecessors they too have set their faces to do their duty without favor or fear, and are leaving their Districts better than they found them. Your Board has risen from a perusal of their reports satisfied that it has been afforded a close grasp of the condition of Masonry in the great Province of Ontario.

These brethren have not been without their rewards. Everywhere they have been greeted with large and enthusiastic meetings, have witnessed excellent work, have been

hospitably entertained, have seen prosperity and brotherly love smiling around them, and best of all they have the consciousness that they are handing on to their successors fertile fields of Masonry, well tilled and capable under the sun of God's favor of bringing forth yet greater crops of religious honorable brethren bound together by the mystic tie of Masonic love.

Your Board once more invokes the gratitude of Grand Lodge to these faithful officers for services given and work accomplished.

The numerical increase during the past year has been phenomenal. Last year there were 2,500 initiations, which was the largest number in one year in the history of Grand Lodge. This year the initiations number 3,048. The net gain in membership, after deducting deaths, demits and suspensions will be about 2,360, or an increase of 360 over the net gain of last year. Numerical strength in Masonry is a matter of satisfaction, as there is power and impressiveness in numbers, and when, as in initiation into Masonry, young men are brought into a religious atmosphere where morality is constantly inculcated, the extension of the Craft ought to improve the character of the whole people. Of course numbers is always a true test of an institution. Character is more than numerical strength. It was not the thousands of evil lives for whose sake the city was promised to be spared, but on account of the ten just men who were there. The Board once more presses home upon the Lodges the necessity of minute and searching enquiry into the life and character of every one seeking to be made a Mason.

From the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters the work on the whole seems to be uniform and accurate, although it is still a matter of surprise and regret that there are some few W. Masters who are either too unintelligent or too lazy to learn the work. The Board again draws the attention of the Examining Boards to what is their plain duty, so that in Masonry only those who have knowledge shall be permitted to teach.

Prosperity and harmony are found to prevail in every District, and the secretarial and financial affairs of the Lodges appear to be in good hands.

All the Lodges are fully insured except 26. The attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters is called to this matter so that the wisdom of insurance against loss by fire may be brought to the attention of all Lodges.

The Board last year called attention of Lodges with respect to arrears of dues, and indicated the course which ought, as a matter of common sense, to be pursued. The advice, it is feared, has fallen on barren ground, for the arrears of dues, instead of decreasing, have this year again seriously increased. The Board is of opinion that during the coming year, which will be the Jubilee Year of Grand Lodge, it would be a loving act to remit the dues of those who are unable to pay, using a generous discretion. As for those who will not pay, though able to do so, the Constitution points out the remedy. The Board invites the incoming District Deputy Grand Masters to give this matter their

serious attention, so that this large blot on our business management may be removed.

It is observed that Lodges of Instruction have been held in only seven Districts out of the twenty. Last year Lodges of Instruction were held in fourteen Districts. The Board is of opinion that this falling away in the good work is to be deplored. New officers are coming into harness every year, and if the excellent schools, which have made our work what it is to-day, accurate and intelligent, are to be abandoned, in the course of two or three years we shall have inaccuracies, innovations and carelessness, and the work will have to be done all over again. These Lodges of Instruction serve another good purpose in that they bring the brethren into close touch and lead to pleasant intercourse and the formation of friendships, and true friendship is the very salt of Masonry. The Board recommends to every District Deputy the holding of at least one Lodge of Instruction in his District during the coming year.

It is pleasant to record that several Lodges formerly weak have not only revived but are becoming numerically strong and prosperous. There are only three Lodges on the roll that are reported to be weak, surely a small percentage. The District Deputies during the past two years have done a great deal to strengthen the weak Lodges, and it is confidently believed that by next year every Lodge will be reported prosperous. The Board is glad to report that a large number of Lodges have attended divine service clothed as Masons. It goes without saying that Masons as a rule are church going people, and the mere failure of Lodges to attend church as Lodges does not indicate on the part of the Craft any lack of reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, but that attendance in their individual character is deemed sufficient. At the same time the Board would impress upon the Craft the importance of occasionally going to church together as Masons, so that we shall bear witness to the close connection between Masonry and religion and publicly express our gratitude for the goodness of Almighty God, who has protected our Order and made it to prosper.

The Board regrets that with one or two exceptions there is no mention of any addresses or lectures upon Masonic matters being given in the Lodges.

The Board calls attention to the fact that there are still a few instances in which District Deputy Grand Masters have issued dispensations, which were either unnecessary or beyond their legitimate powers and a trespass upon the authority of the Grand Master. The Constitution is now very plain upon this question, and it will probably be more so in a short time.

The good reputation of the Craft is well maintained; it is seldom that any reflection is brought upon it by its members. It will be sufficient testimony in this regard to say that out of some thirty-three thousand members only four have been suspended for Masonic offences during the past year.

The Board has observed with interest the efforts put forth by the District Deputy Grand Masters to arouse sympathy with the creation of a benevolent fund of \$100,000 to be used

in the extension of our charitable work. The response so far has been disappointing, but it is believed that now that the foundation has been laid by the Grand Master's addresses, the efforts of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the appointments of committees in numbers of Lodges, the whole Craft will become generous in the matter and that by next year the fund will reach at least as many thousands of dollars as this Grand Lodge is years old. The reference to the creation of a benevolent fund naturally leads up to the charitable work of Grand Lodge. During the past year a sum of \$12,905 has been disbursed from the funds of Grand Lodge for benevolence, and the subordinate Lodges have spent \$13,159 for the relief of distress. The total benevolence of the Craft for the year is \$26,064, or over three thousand dollars more than the benevolence of the Craft during the previous year.

The Board thinks it opportune to say that the field of Masonic Charity is not covered by the mere giving of a few dollars to those in distress. Respect for a brother's good name, upholding of his reputation, assisting him to obtain employment, the endeavor to prevent him going astray, and the effort to bring him back from a downward path, are all important links in the chain of Masonic Charity. In a lesser degree the preservation of a courteous manner to all with whom we come in contact, a readiness to aid or serve, to be good tempered, slow to give offence, are evidences of the possession of the true spirit of Masonry.

In conclusion, the Board is of opinion that there is abundant cause for thankfulness in the growth and prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction. We are gaining in numerical strength beyond all expectations, the character and reputation of the Craft still stands four square to all the winds that blow. We have done much for the suffering and distressed, and we are hoping to extend this good work. Thirty-three thousand men of character bound together for the purpose of promoting peace, harmony and friendship ought to be a tremendous power for good. Let us recognize our responsibilities, and by every means possible endeavor to strengthen and extend the usefulness of our beloved Order.

Fraternally submitted.

AUBREY WHITE,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

On motion, a standing vote of thanks was presented to R. W. Bro. Aubrey White for the excellent report on the Condition of Masonry.

CALLED OFF.

At one o'clock p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at three o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labour at 3 p.m.

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Grand Master, on the Throne, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges were presented and welcomed.

REPORT ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Dead.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, beg to report as follows :

They thank most heartily the D. D. G. M's for the great care which they have taken (often under great difficulties) to furnish the information necessary for the preparation of the report, and they regret very much if the impossibility in obtaining replies from the Secretaries of some of the subordinate Lodges should make this report incomplete or inaccurate.

At such a time as this, when hand clasps hand over the chasm of a dead year, when our ears are full of the music of friendly greetings, and the very heavens seem to join in the smile of welcome which meets us everywhere, it is inevitable that at least those among us who find a pleasantly recurring duty in these our Annual Communications, should also be conscious of the underlying sadness which speaks all too eloquently of those whose places in the ranks are vacant, who have gone to their last sleep in

“The windowless palace of eternal dreams.”

And we should all feel, too, the note of warning, the fresh call to higher ideals and more strenuous endeavor, the added incentive to a nobler and a purer life which the deaths of our brethren ought to bring to each of us, for

“To our graves we walk”

“In the thick footprints of departed men,”

members of the great army that pale death recruits from every age and creed and station. And yet they do not die in vain, “Their units and their thousands perish but the march of life is unstayed and triumphant; they fall as do the leaves in autumn, but the heart of truth beats on eternally, drawing closer and yet closer to Him who is the source of all truth, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last.”

Nor has the unsmiling reaper been as cruelly busy amongst us during the past year as is his wont, yet he has left sore gaps in our ranks and has clouded darkly the sunshine in many a loving heart and home. To these, more particularly

to the widow and the orphan, we tender our deep and heartfelt sympathy and recommend that the names of our brethren be entered in the records of Grand Lodge.

In the death of R. W. Bro. Albert B. Munson, D. D. G. M., of London District, who died on March 2nd, 1904, London District sustained a severe loss, for he was an active, zealous Craftsman, who had presided with much ability in the various Masonic bodies with which he was connected.

The genial face of R. W. Bro. Senator Landerkin, P. D. D. G. M. of Wellington District, will be much missed at Grand Lodge, where his ability, wit and kindness won the hearts of all with whom he was brought in contact.

The sudden death of an old friend and colleague, R. W. Bro. Dr. DeWit Martyn, P. D. D. G. M. of North Huron District, came as a great shock to those who have met him at our various communications. For many years he had been one of the most active workers in Grand Lodge, and he will be much missed.

R. W. Bro. Wm. McDonald, P. D. D. G. M. Wilson District No. 6, passed away peacefully December 1, 1903. He was an untiring worker in the cause of Masonry and was much esteemed for his many excellent qualities as a man and a Mason.

R. W. Bro. J. W. O'Hara, Past Grand Registrar, was an energetic and popular craftsman, and at the time of his death was the Senior Past Master of Zetland Lodge, of which he was a charter member.

We have sustained a loss which comes home to us in the death of R. W. Bro. J. C. Moffatt, acting D. D. G. M. of Ontario District No. 12. Had death spared him he would have been with us, no doubt, with the duties of his high office ably done, but he died in harness and with the esteem and affection of all his brethren.

V. W. Bro. Daniel Rose passed painlessly away to rest during the year. He was a man of simple tastes personally, but of high ideas and lofty aspirations, liberal and progressive and imbued with a true spirit of the broadest Masonic charity. His work as a Masonic journalist was of a high order and his influence widespread and lasting. In a word, he exemplified in his daily life the principles of the Craft which was so dear to him.

W. Bro. Reginald Henwood, of Hamilton District No. 8, was an hon. life member and the last surviving charter member of Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford.

V. W. Bro. W. H. Adams, of Belleville Lodge, No. 123, acted as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1896.

V. W. Bro. Ed. Biggings, of Sault Ste. Marie, was one of the founders of Keystone Lodge, and one of the earliest, if not the first, of the P. M's.

V. W. Bro. Forshaw Day died at Kingston, July 22nd, 1903, regretted by all who had been privileged to work with him in the craft.

V. W. Bro. Peter Toll, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London, one of its charter members and an active craftsman.

V. W. Bro. John F. Lash, of Ionic Lodge, Toronto, whose demise was a source of deep regret to all who knew him.

Sister Grand Jurisdictions mourn the death of the following distinguished brethren:

M. W. Bro. Conrad B. Day, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Pennsylvania.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Word, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Montana

M. W. Bro. Geo. H. Durand, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Michigan.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Wallace Lee, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Connecticut.

M. W. Bro. Roger William Woodbury, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Colorado.

M. W. Bro. Gabriel Bouck, P. G. M. of G. L. of Wisconsin.

M. W. Bro. Rolland Hector Oakley, P. G. M. of Nebraska.

M. W. Bro. Charles Belcher, P. G. M. of New Jersey.

M. W. Bro. A. J. Rose, P. G. M. of Texas.

M. W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, P. G. M. of Ohio.

M. W. Bro. Hon. W. H. H. Flick, P. G. M. of West Virginia.

M. W. Bro. Arthur M. Clark, P. G. M. of Michigan.

M. W. Bro. Joseph Alvan Locke, P. G. M. of Maine.

R. W. Bro. John G. T. Smith, P. D. G. M. of the G. L. of Arizona.

We extend to our brethren in the United States our deep fraternal sympathy.

An old heathen poet says that "Life is labor and death is well-earned rest." Surely this is the Masonic view, this the teaching of the Craft; this robs death of its terrors and makes us view it as the gateway of a truer and a fuller life and teaches us that

"This day which thou fearest as thy last
Is but the birthday of eternity."

If our departed brethren have dedicated and devoted their lives to His service, from whom all come, if they have squared them by the principles of truth and justice, if their facilities have been cultivated to the glory of God and the good of mankind, death will have been to them the end of all afflictions and the entrance to a better life. They will have been passed safely under the protection of the Most High through the valley of the shadow of death and they will have risen purified from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever. And when to us the final summons comes may it find us too with our duty well done and smilingly ready for the final curfew call to rest and sleep.

And in truth, save to cherish their memory, our thoughts should be not with the dead but for the living, in the present with its stern duties, not with the past and its vain regrets.

This day, this working day, with its unceasing demands its strength and its weakness, its duties and its cares, its failures and its triumphs should be our immediate concern before "the night cometh in which no man can work." and even now for some here the dread summons of the lodge beyond may have been issued, and there may be speeding earthward that call to which none can turn a deaf ear. There is an ever changing crowd standing on the brink of the river which we call death, and all, be it willingly or reluctantly, must obey the summons to cross. How differently

then we shall judge, how much more clearly shall we see then than now.

The true test of the worth of those things which now we prize most highly will be the value that we place on them when the icy waters of the dark river touch our unwilling feet. Most of the pleasures of our present lives will turn to ashes in our mouths; the wealth, the rank, the honors for which we have plotted and striven, nay, and sometimes even prayed, may be mere wormwood and gall; the ambitions for which some are content to make the empty sacrifice of their very manhood may prove but empty bubbles, bursting at a breath, and we shall then learn—pray God it may not be too late—to judge rightly the true proportion of things, to estimate the real value of our lives, to know gold from dross.

To every man whose mind is well constituted, there comes at last the day when the only genuine, unmixed and lasting pleasure is the sense of duty well done, of sorrow lessened, of help given, the remembrance of someone whom we have made the happier.

These are the jewels which will shine with ever increasing lustre when we are called to lie on the lone couch of our sleep. The memory of them will lighten the clouds that darkly veil the last deep entrance to another world, will help to smooth away the wrinkles from the seamed face of pain and suffering, and will even make us joyfully recognize and greet in the ghastly terror of death's grisly form only the gentle loving presence of the angel sleep, a

'Sleep that no pain shall wake,
Night that no moon shall break,
Till joy shall overtake
Their perfect calm.'

Brethren, at that last hour, may this be the experience of each one of us.

Fraternally submitted.

J. E. MORGAN,

Chairman Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

M. W. Bros. Wm. Gibson and Rickard T. Walkem, Past Grand Masters, introduced to Grand Lodge the Hon. William Ross, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, who was received with grand honors and heartily welcomed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the Report on Jurisprudence which was read by R. W. Bro J. C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

REPORT.

Your Board, through the Committee on Jurisprudence, beg to report as follows:

A question was submitted to your Board as to what should be the practice where a brother, having lost his certificate of withdrawal or demit, applies for a duplicate.

Your Board recommend that in such cases the Secretary of the Lodge should certify under the seal of the Lodge that the minutes showed that on a certain date the brother so applying had been regularly demitted from the Lodge.

Another matter was referred to your Board as to whether a private lodge could confer the rank of a Past Master on a brother whose only claim was that he had at one time acted as W. M. in a Lodge working under a dispensation, but who had never been elected a W. M. With regard to this question your Board find that no such power exists in any private Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

J. C. HEGLER,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report which was read by M. W. Bro. Walkem, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

REPORT.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws has the honor to report that they have examined the notices of motion contained in the notice paper stating the business to be brought before Grand Lodge, and they find that there is no constitutional objection to the assent of Grand Lodge being given to these motions.

Fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, when upon motion, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, the report was received and ordered to be printed as an Appendix to the proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Chairman of the special Committee appointed by the Board.

REPORT.

The Sub-Committee of the Board appointed to consider the present condition of the Semi-Centennial Fund and the best mode of carrying out the objects aimed at in its establishment, have the honor to report as follows :

The project of raising the fund was suggested by the M. W. the Grand Master in his address delivered in 1903, as follows: "Although our expenditure thus far for benevolence has been munificent, there are still a number of our brethren so afflicted that they cannot be properly cared for without an increase of the funds at the disposal of our Benevolent Committee. In order that this condition of affairs may be remedied in the easiest and most permanent form, I propose that we establish a fund of \$100,000, and the interest arising from the investment to be appropriated to extreme cases, \$200 to be the limit in any one case of a beneficiary on this fund. I estimate that the investment will realize \$4,000 at least annually, enough for twenty annuities of \$200. In order to create this fund it will only be necessary for each brother in the jurisdiction to contribute one dollar per year for three years. I propose that Grand Lodge call upon every subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction to collect from each of its members one dollar per year over and above the yearly dues, for the period of three years, and that the yearly collection be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the 10th day of October in each year, until the 10th October, 1905, the money to be raised by voluntary subscription among the members if possible."

The Board of General Purposes, in their report on the Grand Master's address, in 1903, refers to the Semi-Centennial scheme in very few words. They say:

"The Board sympathizes with the Grand Master in his desire to mark the semi-centennial of Grand Lodge by the creation of a special fund by which helplessly indigent brethren may be rescued from absolute poverty."

The address and the report referred to form the basis of the action already taken in connection with the collection of the fund. The amount paid in up to the 30th May is a little over \$5,000. It has been said that certain inferences have been drawn from the language used by the M. W. the Grand Master. 1st. That the fund is to be appropriated to the payment of pensions in the manner suggested in the address. 2nd. That the call of one dollar was to be levied as a tax on each brother. 3rd. That the retain of the payments made was to be conditional on the total amount being raised, and raised within three years.

The Committee regard the Grand Master's proposal more in the light of suggestions for a scheme to be taken up and worked out by Grand Lodge, than as a definite project to be adopted in the form suggested.

The Grand Master distinctly, in his address to the Board yesterday, stated that the scheme of application of the interest of the fund proposed by him, was intended only as an illustration of what might be done. All the members of the committee are agreed that the payment of the one dollar by each member must be a voluntary act, and that under the provisions of the Constitution, as they stand, it could not be levied as a tax.

The Committee think it useless to discuss what meaning or understanding should be attached to the language used by the M. W. the Grand Master in his proposal to collect one dollar from each brother for three years. It was evidently assumed by him that, if these payments were made, the \$100,000 would be raised in three years, there being about 33,000 Masons on the rolls in this Jurisdiction.

The Committee think that Grand Lodge should aim at raising \$100,000, but that the time for raising the amount should be extended for three years from the present year (1904), it being understood that Grand Lodge should not be expected to guarantee to any contributor that the sum mentioned should be raised.

As, however, the Committee have been advised that the contributions so far made have been paid to the Grand Treasurer on the understanding that if for any reason the scheme, as originally outlined by the Grand Master, was not proceeded with, all contributions would be returned, they would recommend that this understanding be recognized and that all moneys contributed to date be returned to the contributors unless they consent to have their respective contributions applied under the new scheme suggested.

The Committee are of opinion that in order to carry the scheme into effect a central committee should be appointed, composed of members of the Board of General Purposes, to be called the Semi-Centennial Fund Committee, which

should devise means for the effective carrying out of the scheme, and should report annually to Grand Lodge, and that subject to the control and direction of the Central Committee, committees should be formed in each district under the presidency of the D. D. G. M., whose duty it should be to keep the scheme before the Lodges and enlist the sympathies and active co-operation of the brethren. In what manner this should be done the central and district committees could best determine.

Fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Chairman, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee of the Board on the Semi-Centennial Fund be received and adopted.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 21st July, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, 21st July, A.D. 1904.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10-40 a.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Grand Master, on the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. W. Bro. John B. Tressider, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were announced, introduced, and welcomed with Grand Honors.

A letter was read from W. B. King, Grand Secretary, conveying the cordial greetings of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved. That the letter be received and acknowledged in suitable terms.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, which was read by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

REPORT.

The members of the Board of General Purposes have carefully considered the address of the M. W. the Grand Master. They deem it a matter for congratulation that it is of so encouraging and satisfactory a character that but few of the matters contained in it require comment or response from the Board.

They are much pleased to be able to infer from the address that the Grand Master has during the past year performed the duties of his high office with exemplary diligence. They learn with much satisfaction that the members of the Craft have considerably increased, that new Lodges have been formed, and that the brethren in different parts of the jurisdiction have acquired new Lodge rooms with their appropriate accessories.

The fact that the receipts for the year have increased and exceed the receipts in any previous year of the history of Grand Lodge is the most satisfactory evidence of the prosperous condition of the Craft.

The Board desire to record their hearty appreciation of the spirit of benevolence which the M. W. the Grand Master has always manifested and which finds expression in his address. Regarding the suggestion of the Grand Master, which refers to the administration of the Benevolent Fund, the Board are of opinion that in view of the directions given to the Investment Committee with respect to the investment of surplus fund, and of the action which has been taken by Grand Lodge with respect to the Semi-Centennial Fund, it would not be prudent at present to adopt any particular scheme of appropriation of the income available for benevolence. Our system of administration of benevolence should, in the opinion of the Board, be as elastic as possible, untrammelled by rules or conditions beyond those which already exist.

The Board desire to express to the M. W. the Grand Master and his estimable wife their hearty wishes for their future happiness. The Grand Master may rest assured that all the brethren appreciate his earnestness and conscientiousness in the performance of his duty.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on the Address of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master.

REPORT.

The Board has considered with much satisfaction the report of the R. W. the D. G. M., to Grand Lodge. This report is a new departure in the practice of the occupants of the office of D. G. M., and the example set by R. W. Bro. Allen may be advantageously followed by his successors in office.

The commanding presence and genial manner of the R. W. the D. G. M. would secure him a cordial reception from any Lodge or body of Masons in the jurisdiction. If we add to these qualities his enthusiasm and earnestness in the work of the Craft and the self-sacrifice involved in making the many visits announced in his report, and which he was under no obligation to make, it is no wonder that he has become such a favorite with his brethren.

It is probable that by the time this report is presented to Grand Lodge the D. G. M. will have been elected to the highest position in the gift of the Craft. On the chance of his being elected to that position the Board ventures to congratulate him in advance, to wish him, under the guidance of the G. A. O. T. U., success in the performance of the duties belonging to the important office of Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Allen possesses that nice sense which enables him to be active in the performance of his duties without transgressing the limits of his authority, or trespassing on the sacred ground which forms the domain of the M. W. the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,
Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Address of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master be received and adopted.

SAFE CUSTODY OF THE SECURITIES OF GRAND LODGE, AND THE INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Chairman of the Sub-committee.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

REPORT.

The Sub-Committee of the Board appointed to consider the best mode of providing for safe custody of the securities belonging to Grand Lodge and the investment of Grand Lodge funds, have the honor to report:

That after full discussion and consideration of the matter they are of opinion that if arrangements can be made with any of the chartered banks in Hamilton or Toronto, to allow a safe of sufficient size to hold the securities of Grand Lodge to be placed within its own safe, such arrangement should be made at once; if such arrangements cannot be made, the necessary space for the securities should be leased from one of the safe deposit companies, either in Hamilton or Toronto. In either case, the keys should be kept by the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, and the D. D. G. M. should have the right of inspecting the securities with these officers at any time.

The Committee further recommend that the present system of making investments, and the Investment Committee, composed of the Deputy Grand Master, the Chairman of Finance, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, should be continued.

Fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. Roaf, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials reported the total vote entitled to be cast, upon any question was 1431.

SCRUTINEERS OF BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand Officers, and elective Members of the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. BRO. J. B. NIXON.

W. Bro. J. S. Morecraft, Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville.

W. Bro. A. D. Knight, Key Stone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie.

W. Bro. J. G. Forgie, Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke.

W. Bro. J. S. R. McCann, Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston.

W. Bro. A. K. Wanless, Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia.

W. Bro. Jno. McCabe, Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto.

W. Bro. E. R. Y. Broughton, Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket.

W. Bro. Frank Gribble, Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls.

W. Bro. Chas. R. Jones, Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth

W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie.

W. Bro. Hy. Roe, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas.

W. Bro. Jno. Ridley, Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall.

W. Bro. W. R. Leavens, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton

W. Bro. F. T. Pattison, Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg.

W. Bro. D. B. Campbell, Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton.

W. Bro. G. N. Ferrier, Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto.

W. Bro. W. S. Baker, Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls

W. Bro. J. B. Way, Key Stone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie

W. Bro. H. S. King, St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto.

REPORT ON REDISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone presented the following report on the Redistribution of Districts:

In accordance with notice of motion, the Committee on the Redistribution of Districts recommend the following.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (24.)

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McCoil.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 395, Parvain.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Essex
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Phyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 448, Xenophon.....	Whitby
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	" 457, Century.....	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camulachie
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndon
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (16.)

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n..	New Hamb'g
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Dorie.....	Parkhill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star....	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	" 456, Elma.....	Menkton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

No. 93, Northern Light..	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence..	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Flatville.....	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsenburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....	Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River..	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 333, Prince Arthur....	Flesherton
" 257, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

No. 6, The Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance..	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	amilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 163, Burlington.....	Burlington		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (22.)

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 333, Prince Arthur....	Flesherton
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 444, Nitetis.....	Creemore
" 236, Anitoba.....	Cookstown	" 449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 466, Coronation.....	Elmvale
" 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner	U.D. Victoria	Victoria Harbor

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NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

No. 2, Niagara.....Niagara
" 7, Union.....Grimsby
" 15, St. George's...St. Catharines
" 32, Amity.....Dunnville
" 35, St. John's.....Cayuga
" 103, Maple Leaf...St. Catharines
" 105, St. Mark's...Drummondville
" 115, Ivy.....Beamsville
" 168, Merritt.....Welland
" 169, Macnab.....Port Colborne
" 185, Enniskillen.....York

No. 221, Mountain.....Thorold
" 254, Clifton.....Niagara
" 277, Seymour.....Port Dalhousie
" 296, Temple.....St. Catharines
" 319, Hiram.....Hagersville
" 329, King Solomon.....Jarvis
" 337, Myrtle.....Port Robinson
" 338, Dufferin.....Wellandport
" 372, Palmer.....Bridgeburg
" 373, Copestone.....Welland

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (21.)

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple
" 65, Rehoboam.....Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton
" 118, Union.....Schomberg
" 156, York.....North Toronto
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill
" 292, Robertson.....Nobleton

No. 305, Humbler.....Weston
" 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
U.D. Peel.....Caledon East

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (20.)

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union...Markham
" 97, Sharon.....Sharon
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto

No. 220, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge
" 269, Brougham Union.Brougham
" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12 (14)

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin
" 77, Faithful Brethren..Lindsay
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa
" 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa
" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield

No. 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls
" 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 428, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 463, North Entrance..Haliburton
" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13. (19.)

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton
" 29, United.....Brighton
" 38, Trent.....Trenton
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville

No. 126, Golden Rule...Campbellford
" 127, Frank.....Frankford
" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 164, Star in the East..Wellington
" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 401, Craig.....Deseronto

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14. (15.)

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.Kingston
" 9, Union.....Napawee
" 92, Cataraqui.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath
" 146, Prince of Wales...Newburgh
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque

No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 228, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 404, Lorne.....Tamworth
" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 460, Rideau.....Seeley's Bay

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (14.)

No. 5, Sussex.....Brockville
" 14, True Britons.....Perth
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls
" 28, Mour. Zion.....Komptville
" 55, Merrickville.....Merrickville
" 74, St. James.....Bethel
" 85, Rising Sun.....Farmersville

No. 110, Central.....Prescott
" 242, Macoy.....Mallorytown
" 368, Salem.....Brockville
" 370, Harmony.....Delta
" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 389, Crystal Fountain..N Augusta
" 416, Lyn.....Lyn

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (17.)

No. 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior
" 55, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 63, St. John's.....	Carleton Place	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 433, Bonnechere.....	Eganville
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 459, Cobden.....	Cobden
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 465, Carleton.....	Carp
" 177, The Builders'.....	Ottawa		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

No. 287, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods.....	Rat Portage
" 414, Pequonga.....	Rat Portage	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William	" 453, Royal.....	Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin	" 461, Ionic.....	Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (9.)

No. 405, Mattawa.....	Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls	
" 412, Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doric.....	Little Current
" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay	" 462, Tenniscaming, New Liskeard	
" 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury	U. D. Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dymont.....	Therason		

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (8.)

No. 352, Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....	Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....	Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....	Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....	Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (13.)

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....	Omeme
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....	Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough		

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (14.)

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 383, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 439, Alexandria.....	Alexandria
" 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet	" 450, Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
" 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster	" 452, Avonmore.....	Avonmore
" 256, Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	" 458, Wales.....	Wales

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	24	Lodges.
St. Clair	" 2.....	20	"
London	" 3.....	26	"
South Huron	" 4.....	16	"
North Huron	" 5.....	19	"
Wilson	" 6.....	21	"
Wellington	" 7.....	21	"
Hamilton	" 8.....	21	"
Georgian	" 9.....	22	"
Niagara	" 10.....	21	"
Toronto West	" 11.....	21	"
Toronto East	" 11a.....	20	"
Ontario	" 12.....	14	"
Prince Edward	" 13.....	19	"
Frontenac	" 14.....	15	"
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	14	"
Ottawa	" 16.....	17	"
Algoma	" 17.....	8	"
Nipissing	" 18.....	9	"
Muskoka	" 19.....	8	"
Otonabee	" 20.....	13	"
Eastern	" 21.....	14	"

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Redistribution of Districts be adopted.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet again at 2-30 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2-45 p.m.

NEW OFFICES FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, on new lease of offices for the Grand Secretary, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

The Board through the sub-committee, on a new lease of offices for Grand Secretary, begs to report (1) That your sub-committee are of opinion that suitable premises can be obtained from the Hamilton Masonic Hall Association on Gore Street (cor. of James) in the city of Hamilton, at a rent not to exceed \$250 per annum, in addition to seven per cent. on the expenditure for improvements made by the Association with the concurrence of the sub-committee, and that a lease thereof could be obtained for 5 years with a right to renew same for a further period of 5 years at the same rent.

(2) That the furnishings should be of a modern character suitable to the dignity of the Craft, and that the cost thereof should not exceed \$2,000, to be expended under the supervision of this or another committee appointed for that purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on new offices for the Grand Secretary be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

- M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Toronto, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. J. H. Burrett, K. C., Pembroke, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. W. H. Harrison, Brockville, Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Brown, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Junior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. Baynes-Reed, Toronto, Grand Chaplain.
 M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. Bro. Lud K. Cameron, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
 M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,
 Bro. William Tocher, Hamilton, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

- R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. Hegler, K. C., Ingersoll.
 R. W. Bro. Fred. Guest, M. D., St Thomas.
 R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, London.
 R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, Gananoque.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years; viz.:

- R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia.
 R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw, Kingston.
 R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. William Rea, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. A. E. Dymont, Thessalon.

And to fill the vacancy caused by the election of R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt to the office of Deputy Grand Master, for the unexpired term of one year:

- R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, Wiarton.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. D. F. Webster.....	West Lorne....	Erie	Dist. No.	1
R. W. Bro. S. W. Trusser.....	Camlachie....	St. Clair	"	2
R. W. Bro. Henry Roe.....	St. Thomas....	London	"	3
R. W. Bro. George Malcolm....	Stratford.....	South Huron	"	4
R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson..	Kincardine...	North Huron	"	5
R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....	Paris.....	Wilson	"	6
R. W. Bro. John W. Porteous..	Galt.....	Wellington	"	7
R. W. Bro. Fred Walter.....	Hamilton.....	Hamilton	"	8
R. W. Bro. E. A. Wakefield...	Orillia.....	Georgian	"	9

R. W. Bro. W. F. Bald.....	Thorold.....	Niagara Dist. No.	10
R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan....	Toronto.....	Toronto	" 11
R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson....	Toronto.....	Toronto	" 11a
R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon.....	Oshawa.....	Ontario	" 12
R. W. Bro. J. E. Helliwell....	Stirling.....	Pr. Edward	" 13
R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Minnes....	Kingston.....	Frontenac	" 14
R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee.....	Merrickville..	St. Lawrence	" 15
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke.....	Ottawa.....	Ottawa	" 16
R. W. Bro. W. A. Weir.....	Rat Portage..	Algoma	" 17
R. W. Bro. M. McFadden.....	Sanlt St. Marie	Nipissing	" 18
R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee....	Gravenhurst..	Muskoka	" 19
R. W. Bro. Alex. A. Smith....	Millbrook....	Otonabee	" 20
R. W. Bro. R. H. Haines.....	Aultsville....	Eastern	" 21

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Owen Sound and Hamilton were the only places nominated for the meeting place of the next Annual Communication. Before the ballot was taken Owen Sound was withdrawn. Hamilton was then unanimously chosen.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report on the Revision of the Constitution:

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution beg to report that they have been unable to complete the work entrusted to them in time for its consideration at this Communication of Grand Lodge. They request Grand Lodge to empower the M. W. the Grand Master to discharge this Committee, and to appoint another Committee to proceed with the work of revision, and to report to Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication through the Board of General Purposes; a copy of the revision which is to be laid before Grand Lodge for confirmation, to be sent to each Lodge, R. W. Bro., and each member of the Board of General Purposes, four months before the next Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted.

W. GEO. EAKINS,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution be received and adopted.

On motion of M. W. Bro. William Sutherland, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. Gibson, the thanks of Grand Lodge was presented to R. W. Bro. Eakins and the members of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution for the careful and painstaking work on the revision.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following brethren a Committee on the Revision of the Constitution :

R. W. Bro. W. M. George Eakins, Chairman.

M. W. Bros. Hugh Murray, Henry Robertson, Richard T. Walkem, J. Ross Robertson, R. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, W. D. W. McPherson, and D. F. Macwatt.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro Nixon and the Worshipful Brethren who have been associated with him, for the careful and satisfactory performance of their duties as scrutineers.

THANKS TO BOARD OF CREDENTIALS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. M. McFadden, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Board of Credentials for their arduous services during this meeting of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That in view of the approaching semi-centennial of this Grand Lodge, and with the object of gladdening the hearts of our beneficiaries, and properly celebrating the occasion, Grand Lodge empowers the Board of Benevolence to increase the sums granted to the general recipients for the year 1905 by one half. The funds to carry out this resolution to be provided by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer from one or more bonds or debentures held by them in trust for Grand Lodge, and which will mature this year or next, or in such other manner as the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers named, may deem best to carry out in letter and spirit this resolution.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, and

Resolved, That York Lodge, No. 156, N. Toronto, be granted concurrent jurisdiction with the Lodges in the City of Toronto, pursuant to the provisions of section 215 of the constitution

THANKS TO BROCKVILLE LODGES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Brockville Lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the Grand Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the Installation of the newly-elected Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

THANKS TO M. W. BRO. A. A. STEVENSON.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., for his kindness in installing the officers of Grand Lodge.

THANKS TO DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. John B. Tressider, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, P. G. M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, for their attendance during the session.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. JOHN E. HARDING.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Past Grand Master, in recognition of his valuable services to the Craft during the past two years.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Committee for this purpose.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master; W. M. Bro. William Gibson and the M. W. the Grand Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO D.D.G.M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work, and in the duties of their office generally.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing year:

- V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, Toronto, Grand Senior Deacon.
 " R. F. Richardson, Strathroy, Grand Jun. Deacon.
 " W. R. Miller, Toronto, Grand Supt. of Works.
 " R. G. Graham, Gananoque, Grand Dir. of Cer.
 " W. J. Renton, Kingston, Assistant Grand Sec.
 " Frank Smith, Woodbridge, Ass. Grand Dir. of Cer.
 " J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " Raymond Walker, Toronto, Grand Organist.
 " Wm. Reid, Windsor, Assistant Grand Organist.
 " J. A. Fraser, Milton, Grand Pursuivant.
 " Alex. Morris, Pembroke, Grand Steward.
 " Jas. L. Guest, Thorndale, Grand Steward.
 " John Ridley, Cornwall, Grand Steward.
 " Fred. Biette, Tilsonburg, Grand Steward.
 " Wm. Carmichael, Powassen, Grand Steward.
 " R. M. Lindsay, Arthur, Grand Steward.
 " Richard Dorsett, Sudbury, Grand Steward.
 " Frank A. Clarke, Meaford, Grand Steward.
 " T. F. McMahon, Richmond Hill, Grand Steward.
 " John Ritchie, Port Arthur, Grand Steward.
 " John Waring, Picton, Grand Steward.
 " Wm. Brown, Fordwick, Grand Steward.
 " A. B. Cordingly, Toronto, Grand Standard Bearer.
 " Wm. Schafer, Mitchell, Grand Standard Bearer.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 4.45 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
 Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1904, AND

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	W. on or b. f. m.	John H. Brown...	Saml. Campbell
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston.....	1st Thursday...	T. J. Crowe.....	G. W. H. Gomer.
5	aSussex.....	Brockville.....	3rd Monday...	Jas. A. Laidlaw...	Geo. K. Dewey...
6	The Barton.....	Hamilton.....	1st Friday.....	Chas. Cameron...	Geo. H. Bull.....
7	Union.....	Grimsb'y.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Chas. T. Farrell...	A. E. Phipps.....
9	aUnion.....	Napanee.....	F. on or b. f. m.	Frank H. Perry...	Wm. A. Grange.
10	aNorfolk.....	Simcoe.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Hugh P. Inness...	J. Porter.....
11	aMoira.....	Belleville.....	W. on or b. f. m.	Frank Elvins.....	John Newton.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth.....	1st Monday.....	F. G. Campbell...	F. V. Buffam.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar's.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Jas. G. Harris...	A. N. Lindsay...
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	2nd Tuesday...	I. H. Luke.....	J. T. Slater.....
17	St. John's.....	Colbourg.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	John W. Odell...	Robert Buck.....
18	aPrince Edward...	Pictou.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Jas. H. Golden...	R. H. Hubbs.....
20	aSt. Johns.....	London.....	2nd Tuesday...	R. W. Evans.....	M. D. Dawson...
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill...	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. P. McAlpine...	H. Carl Jones...
22	aKing Solomon's...	Toronto.....	2d Thursday...	J. McKerracher...	Wm. Stinson.....
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill...	M. on or b. f. m.	David Hill.....	H. A. Nicholls...
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls...	F. on or b. f. m.	Oscar C. Abbott...	J. A. Houston...
25	aIonic.....	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday...	R. R. Lockhart...	G. Thompson...
26	aOntario.....	Port Hope.....	3rd Thursday...	G. W. Noble.....	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton.....	3rd Friday.....	C. H. McIlroy...	Wm. C. Morton...
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	W. b. f. m.....	Albert Langstaff	S. H. Guest.....
29	aUnited.....	Brighton.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	A. Burke.....	B. C. H. Becker..
30	aComposite.....	Whitby.....	1st Thursday...	Jas. H. Nicholson	Jos. White.....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville...	W. on or b. f. m.	J. S. Moorecraft...	Jos. Pattinson...
32	aAmity.....	Dunnville.....	W. on or a. f. m.	Jno A. Schofield	J. W. Scholfield..
33	aMaitland.....	Goderich.....	2nd Tuesday...	W. F. Clark.....	H. W. Ball.....
34	aThistle.....	Amherstb'rg...	Tu. on or b. f. m.	C. Christiansen...	W. T. Wilkinson
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	Th. on or a. f. m.	Benj. Bunn.....	W. U. Anthony...
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	1st Friday.....	J. W. Patterson...	R. T. Agar.....
38	aTrent.....	Trenton.....	Tuesday b. f. m.	Wm. Baker.....	A. E. Bywater...
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Chas. Calder.....	John J. Moon.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton.....	3rd Thursday...	J. R. Moodie.....	W. J. McAllister..
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	F. J. Voader.....	Geo. Rumble.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London.....	1st Thursday...	A. G. Stehens...	A. Ellis.....
43	King Solomon's...	Woodstock.....	1st Tuesday...	Geo. F. Mahon...	A. McGachie.....
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	1st Thursday...	O. J. Stephenson	L. Slater.....
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	2nd Tuesday...	J. P. Hoag, B. A.	S. F. Passmore...
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	1st Monday.....	Geo. Massey.....	Alex. Gregory...
47	aGreat Western...	Windsor.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Jos. Carson.....	Geo. E. White...
48	aMadoc.....	Madoc.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Robt. E. Colling	A. H. Watson.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	W. W. Locie.....	B. F. Byers.....
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	1st Tuesday...	W. H. Sproule...	C. S. Scott.....
54	aVaughan.....	Maple.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	David W. Couper	L. Richardson...
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville...	Tu. on or b. f. m.	F. A. J. Davis...	G. B. Magee.....
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia.....	1st Tuesday...	A. K. Wanless...	F. C. Watson.....
57	aHarmony.....	Bnbrook.....	W. on or b. f. m.	Emmet Twiss...	J. F. Senn.....
58	aDoric.....	Ottawa.....	1st Friday.....	J. C. Bertram...	R. O. Croll.....
61	aAcacia.....	Hamilton.....	2nd Friday...	David Hastings...	W. H. Wardrobe...
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	W. on or b. f. m.	A. Martineau...	John Thompson...
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday...	J. C. Switzer...	A. T. Hudson...
64	aKilwinning.....	London.....	3rd Thursday...	Thos. Woolley...	John Overell...
65	aRehoboam.....	Toronto.....	1st Thursday...	W. H. Blight...	S. J. Rugg.....
66	aDurham.....	Newcastle.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Alex. McLeod...	Jas. K. Allen...
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	3rd Friday.....	Jas. A. Cornfoot...	S. M. Douglas...
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	Th. after f. m.	S. S. Ashley...	G. W. Bailey...
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	Last Tuesday...	W. J. Taggart...	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James.....	St. Marys.....	1st Monday.....	A. C. Jackson...	A. Carman.....
74	aSt. James.....	S. Augusta.....	M. nearest f. m.	H. D. McDougall	W. R. Collier...
75	aSt. John's.....	Toronto.....	1st Monday...	C. E. Howarth...	J. G. Gladman...
76	aOxford.....	Woodstock.....	2d Monday.....	Angus Cameron...	Robt. Anderson...
77	aFaithful Breth'n	Lindsay.....	1st Friday.....	Chas. Reeves...	R. G. Corneil...
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsenburg.....	W. on or b. f. m.	Henry McQueen...	A. E. Raynes...
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	4th Monday...	W. K. Fonkar...	A. E. Scanlon...
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges...	Tu. on or b. f. m.	F. Fixon.....	Thomas C. West...
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	2nd Tuesday...	W. M. Whitehead	S. Y. Taylor....

RETURNS OF THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1904.

the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. F. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
2	8	5	7	2	2	1	1			9	65	Jun 1904			\$ 50 25
3	11	10	10		3	1	1			1	155	"			117 75
5	18	16	10	5	1	2	2			3	187	"			138 75
6	15	7	8		7	8	2			3	308	"			216 25
7	5	3	3	2	1		6			1	74	"	\$ 1 00		61 50
9	6	5	5	1	2	3	4			1	103	"			61 50
10	7	8	8		2	1					110	Dec. '03		4 00	199 50
11	14	16	14	3	1	2	8				171	Jun 1904			108 50
14	5	1	1		2	2	2			3	91	"			55 25
15	8	12	9	1	1	4					104	"			67 00
16	17	16	17	5	4	3	2			1	310	"			268 75
17	10	7	8	1	3	1				1	85	"			44 00
18	18	15	15		2	2	4			1	221	"			167 00
20	18	16	15		1	3	5			1	146	"	\$ 5 00		142 75
21a	8	4	4	1	5					1	71	"		2 75	96 00
22	27	26		1	5	4					231	"	1 00		174 00
23	2	1	1	1							38	"			27 25
24	6	8	9	4	2	2				1	130	"			102 00
25	8	5	6	7	4	3	3				245	"			124 00
26	9	13	15	1	1	1				1	110	"			81 00
28	24	22	5	5	5	1				1	341	"			256 50
28	7	5	4	2							47	"	2 00		31 25
29	19	14	5	2	4	2					101	"		6 00	97 75
30	2	1	2		2						76	"			73 50
31	9	10	8		3	1	1			2	76	"			62 25
32	12	8	5	2		5	6			1	94	"			109 25
33	7	7	8			3					127	"	7 50		83 50
34	5	5	3	1						1	64	"			66 25
35		2	1	5						1	62	"			39 25
37	11	13	16			1				2	84	"	1 50		61 75
38	4	5	5		4		4				90	"	1 00		79 00
39											26	Dec. '03			73 00
40	25	22	18	8	4	4	6			2	381	Jun 1904			246 75
41	5	7	5	2		3				1	99	"			56 75
42	6	6	7	1	4	4	5				87	Dec. '03			1 00
43	11	10	14	2	6	2	4			2	122	Jun 1904			120 00
44	11	14	12	5	5	5	4			3	199	"	1 00		137 25
45	19	22	18		2	2	2			1	177	"			148 25
46	9	9	8	3	3	1	2				161	Dec. '03			110 75
47	19	17	15	3		2	8			3	242	Jun 1904			166 50
48	8	6	3		1					1	107	"			101 75
50	4	3	3		1						40	Dec. '03			49 00
52	18	25	23	3	7		6			1	152	Jun 1904			114 75
54	3	3	2	1	1						38	"			22 25
55	9	7	6			1	4			1	79	"			63 50
56	16	13	16	7	2	1				1	179	"	3 00		129 75
57	5	3	4		2	2					56	Dec. '03			41 75
58	17	11	11	1	3	2	3				116	Jun 1904			82 25
61	18	16	17	2	2	5	3			1	313	"			203 50
62	1	1	2	1	1	1					46	"	13 75		33 50
63	9	8	8	2	5		2				150	"			96 00
64	7	7	7	4		4					184	Jun 1903			153 50
65	23	26	29	5	1	2				1	273	Jun 1904			292 25
66					1						20	"			17 50
68	6	4	2		1		12			2	81	"			70 25
69	3	4	6		1					1	67	"	30 00		53 00
72	14	11	8		1						121	"			87 00
73	8	10	8		3	1					77	"			57 50
74	8	7	5	1	1					2	55	"	1 50		45 00
75	18	8	6	4	4	8	5			1	206	"	116 25		103 00
76	11	10	10	1	3	3				1	135	"			121 25
77	10	5	4				3				117	"			94 75
78	3	2	13	1		3				1	133	Dec. '03	1 25		160 75
79	10	11	10	1	2	1	3			1	67	Jun 1904			66 50
81	7					1				4	59	"			30 00
82	4	4	3	1	2		2			1	62	"			36 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1904, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy...	F. on or a.f.m.	A. E. Hare.....	R. F. Richardson
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	F. on or a.f.m.	W. P. Spalding...	Andrew Porter...
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	James P. Lamb...	Jas. Ross.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	3rd Tuesday...	Stew't N. Hughes	J. M. Simmons...
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	F. on or b.f.m.	G. A. M. David'n	R. A. Mason.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound...	W. on or b.f.m.	D. McKenzie.....	Jo'n M. Campbell
90	aManito.....	Collingwood...	W. on or a.f.m.	F. H. Nettleton	R. A. Stephens...
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	F. on or b.f.m.	F. O. McLennan	Geo. Keyes.....
92	aCatarqui.....	Kingston.....	2d Wednes'd'y	C. S. Wheeler....	Robt. Hendry....
93	aNorthern Light...	Kincardine...	1st Wednes'd'y	W. J. Bruce, M.D.	R. D. Hall.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley...	2d Tuesday...	Walter Mitchell.	Alex. Taylor.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	1st Thursday...	J. C. Irwin.....	Alfred Wilkes...
97	aSharon.....	Sharon.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. G. Hill.....	B. F. Pearson, M.D.
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	F. on or a.f.m.	W. T. Hackett...	A. E. Bolton.....
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket...	2d Wednes'd'y	J. R. Y. Broughton	N. L. Rogers.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	2nd Monday...	Wm. Lawson.....	F. A. Latshaw...
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro'...	W. on or b.f.m.	Henry Nesbit...	T. F. Mathews...
103	aMaple Leaf.....	S. Catharines...	Last Thurs'd'y	Ed. N. Potter....	H. J. Johnston...
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a.f.m.	J. D. Hogarth...	G. W. Poldon....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	N. Falls Sth.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	O. D. Glasgow...	R. Sloggett.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b.f.m.	W. K. Muir.....	Geo. Armstrong.
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b.f.m.	Jas. McGregor...	H. Poole.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	F. on or a.f.m.	J. O. Reid.....	Thos. Conway...
109	aAlbion.....	Har'owamith...	F. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Shibley...	J. T. McKim.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	1st Tuesday...	W. G. Mossman...	H. H. Wells.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford...	W. on or b.f.m.	W. M. McGuire...	C. S. Walters...
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	1st Friday.....	Wm. Clapp.....	Thos. H. Bell....
115	alvy.....	Beamsville...	Tu. on or b.f.m.	F. S. Prudhome...	W. D. Fairbroth'r
116	aCassia.....	Thedford.....	M. on or b.f.m.	A. J. Grant, M.D.	W. Bryant.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg...	M. on or b.f.m.	Francis Attridge	F. W. Brereton...
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. before f. m.	H. S. North'm MD	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. E. Taylor...	D. Cameon.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	3rd Friday.....	W. R. McCormick	Jas. C. Spence...
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	1st Monday...	Rev. John Hay...	M. McKinnon...
123	aThe Belleville...	Belleville.....	1st Thursday...	Edward Naylor...	David Barragar...
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	1st Wednes'd'y	W. D. Knight...	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Cam'bellford...	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Lowery...	Geo. T. Dickson
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	M. before f. m.	Jas. B. Ford...	Jno. W. Rose....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	1st Thursday...	E. A. Dunlop...	H. S. Bowden...
129	The Rising Sun...	Aurora.....	1st Friday...	Chas. S. Russell	Chas. Stone....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southam'ton...	Tu. on or a.f.m.	Donald Ross....	Daniel McIver...
133	aLebanon Forest...	Exeter.....	M. on or b. f. m	T. A. Almos....	C. H. Sanders...
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. B. McDougall	W. I. Dick.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville...	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. P. Coulson...	J. W. Shankel...
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f.m.	F. A. Clarke....	J. Patterson...
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	2nd Tuesday...	T. J. Sheridan...	A. R. McLean...
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Dalton...	C. T. Burdick...
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. A. Dunbar...	A. J. Blowes...
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg...	F. on or b.f.m.	F. B. Robertson.	A. W. Massey...
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	Wednes' b.f.m.	Geo. A. Bouck...	A. B. Carman...
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	3rd Friday.....	J. P. Rankin...	Chris. McLennan
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	David Hampton...	Chas. Thorndyke
146	aPrince of Wales...	Newburgh.....	Wednes' a.f.m.	Chas. Wellbanks	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	1st Friday.....	M. H. Steele...	W. S. Boyd.....
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	2d Tuesday...	Chas. F. Winter	H. W. Chamberl'n
149	aErie.....	Port Dover...	M. on or b.f.m.	J. R. Waddel...	J. Varey.....
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin.....	2d Tuesday...	A. B. McBride...	G. DeKleinhaus
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	O. E. McIntosh...	J. M. Wilson...
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. D. Orme.....	Rev. J. A. Ayeast
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'...	1st Friday.....	J. G. M. Wilson	W. H. Walkey...
156	aYork.....	N. Toronto...	3rd Friday.....	A. J. Brown.....	J. J. Hofland...
157	Simpson.....	Newboro'.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. S. Johnston	Jas. H. Butler...
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Thurs'd'ya.f.m.	S. G. Jackson...	W. S. Duggan...
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond...	W. on or b.f.m.	J. J. Danby...	R. C. Channonhou'e
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth...	Wednes' b.f.m.	Geo. Gerow.....	S. Oliver.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	M. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Allen.....	Chas. Sanderson

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No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. F. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'emb's	Last et'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	3	5	5	4	1	1	1			1	93	Dec. '03			\$ 64 50
84	3	4	5	2	1	3	3				68	Jun1904			61 00
85	3	1	1	1	1	3	3				60				
86	16	13	11	4	5	8	8				201	"		\$11 00	141 00
87	8	2	4	2	1						47	"	\$ 1 50		35 50
88	16	16	12	3	1					2	135	"			122 25
90	7	9	10	3	1						85	"			97 00
91	5	3	2	1	1	10	10				155	"			105 50
92	8	5	7	3	1					2	146	Dec. '03			98 00
93	6	5	5	1	1	2	1			3	86	Jun1904			53 50
94	3	3	3	1	2	1	3				44	"			27 25
96	5	6	8	2	6	1	3			5	170	"			103 75
97	1	1		6	1	2					53	"			35 25
98	7	10	11	4	4	1				4	61	"			33 35
99	12	12	12	1							68	"			29 50
100	6	5	7	4	2	2	3				98	"			70 00
101	11	10	7	2	3	2					121	"			89 00
103	11	14	10	1	3					1	141	"			121 75
104	2	3	3	1	2		7			1	77	"			52 00
105	7	6	8	2	1	1	2			2	86	"		3 00	83 75
106	3	2	2							1	71	"	1 00		42 50
107	7	6	5	1		1				1	68	"	15 00		43 75
108											29	"			16 50
109	7	7	6	1	2	1	2				66	"			60 25
110	6	4	5		2	2					104	"			61 75
113	15	14	11	3	1						101	"			81 75
114	7	8	10								96	"			89 25
115	11	8	9	2	3	2					89	"			65 25
116	1	1		1						1	37	"			27 25
118	1	1	2	1							19	"			13 00
119	13	11	11	2	2						41	"			27 25
120	2	2	4	2	4						50	"			42 50
121	26	36	37	9	5	4	8			1	245	"		2 00	206 25
122	5	4	4	1	1						117	"	2 00		80 25
123	4	2	1	1	4	5					145	"	1 50		75 00
125	14	14	11	3							101	"			73 50
126	3	3	1	2	2	2				1	41	"			14 25
127	13	10	11	1	2	4					87	"	33 00		17 25
128	12	5	5	1	5	1					142	"			82 00
129	7	5	4		1	1					66	"	54 00		44 50
131	7	6	6		1	1					65	"			48 75
133	6	8	7	1	1	1	2			1	83	"	1 00		64 00
135	4	4	5			3					76	Dec. '03		4 00	55 00
136	7	6	5	2	3	1				1	53	Jun1904			36 75
137	16	15	11	5	2					1	91	"			83 50
139		5		3	1						68	Dec. '03			58 00
140	8	9		2							105	Jun1904			73 50
141	6	4	4	1	4		1				45	Dec. '03	2 25		56 50
142	8	8	7			4					67	Jun1904			70 50
143	2	7	7	2	3						94	Dec. '03			67 50
144	11	7	7	2	7	3				1	136	Jun1904	25 75		94 25
145											50	"			30 50
146	3	3	3	2	3	1					46	Dec. '03			16 00
147	4	4	3	11	1						82	Jun1904			66 75
148	10	13	11	2	3					1	98	Dec. '03			90 50
149	3	3	2	3	1	3				1	57	Jun1904			
151	8	7	6	4	2	1	1				127	"	50		108 00
153	5	5	4	1	3						86	"	5 50		84 00
154	16	13	11	4	1		1			1	77	"		4 00	66 50
155	19	11	15	2	3	4				1	183	"			118 75
156	13	12	10	4	2	1	1			1	97	"			63 00
157	10	10	6								65	"			41 50
158	1	1	2								61	"			38 00
159	18	16	14	5	2	19					66	"	2 00		85 75
161	10	11	11	1	1						72	"	5 50		1 00
162	7	6	4							1	38	"			39 50

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1904, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W Master.	Secretary.
164	Star in the East	Wellington	Tu. on or b. f. m	W. J. Gerow	W. W. Fitzgerald
165	Burlington	Burlington	W. on or b. f. m	Wm. Wiggins	E. W. Taylor
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b. f. m	B. E. Thomson	R. H. Dewar
168	Merritt	Welland	M. on or b. f. m	H. E. Dawdy	John Coulson
169	Macnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu. on or b. f. m	Wm. McCracken	John Cook
170	Britannia	Seaforth	1st Monday	A. M. Barton	L. C. Jackson
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Stn	F. on or a. f. m	Alf. Widdifield	J. A. McIntyre
172	Ayr	Ayr	Tu. on or b. f. m	A. S. Lovett	J. P. Wyllie
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	Th. on or b. f. m	W. O. Franklin	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders	Ottawa	2d Friday	W. G. Esdale	H. H. Cairns
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b. f. m	John A. Bristow	W. R. Henderson
181	Speed	Guelph	1st Tuesday	Wm. Bremner	Wm. Parker
181a	Oriental	Port Burwell	Tu. on or b. f. m	Samuel Errett	M. G. Burwell
184	Old Light	Lucknow	Th. on or b. f. m	H. G. Armstrong	Harry Days
185	Enniskillen	Yerk	M. on or b. f. m	F. W. Brown	Rev C. Scudamore
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	M. on or b. f. m	Herb't D. Dwyer	W. A. Chamberlin
189	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b. f. m	John O. Nichol	Jas. McMillan
192	Orillia	Orillia	F. on or b. f. m	A. P. Ardage	J. A. Fewlie
193	Scotland	Scotland	M. on or b. f. m	Jas. G. Wood	Jas. Malcolm
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	2d Wednesday	Thomas Kelly	Mathew Smith
195	The Tuscan	London	1st Monday	W. F. Hungerford	Hon. E. Maingait
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday	Neil Campbell	W. H. Steele M.D.
197	Saugeen	Walserton	2d Tuesday	Jno. Grainger	Hy. B. Currie
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b. f. m	W. G. Lowry	S. A. Pennock
201	Leeds	Gananoque	Tu. on or b. f. m	R. G. Graham	W. Y. Boyd
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday	Jno. L. Potter	Edward Burns
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a. f. m	R. J. Kerr	S. G. Halley
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	Tu. on or b. f. m	T. W. Ross	W. N. McGillis
208	St. John's	London	1st Friday	Wm. C. Southcott	T. A. Rowat
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday	Rev. D. P. McIntosh	Alex. Buffam
212	Elysian	Gairn's Island	1st Monday	John Kennedy	Thos. Lappen
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b. f. m	W. E. Anderson	J. I. Coleman
216	Harris	Orangeville	Tu. on or b. f. m	R. H. Robinson	D. McPherson
217	Frederick	Delhi	M. on or b. f. m	John Jago	A. W. Cryslar
218	Stevenson	Toronto	2d Monday	W. H. Hutchinson	Geo. Wilson
219	Credit	Georgetown	F. on or b. f. m	J. B. McLeod	T. R. Earnsey
220	Zerodatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b. f. m	David A. Clark	M. H. Crosby
221	Mountain	Thorold	W. on or b. f. m	R. S. Shriner	W. T. Fish
222	Marmora	Marmora	Tuesd'y b. f. m	J. W. Pearce	Jas. Parker
223	Norwood	Norwood	M. on or b. f. m	R. J. Stuart	W. H. Harper
224	Zurich	Hensall	Th. on or b. f. m	Alfred Scruton	Jas. Bonthron
225	Bernard	Listowel	F. on or b. f. m	J. A. Mitchell	W. E. Binning
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a. f. m	R. L. Gilbert	Robt. Bennett
229	Alonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday	H. E. Roberts	W. H. McFadden
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Monday	Rev. W. Witten	Fred. Marr
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday	A. P. Herbert	John F. Stewart
232	Cameron	Dutton	W. on or b. f. m	H. W. Bodman	D. A. Camean M.D.
233	Doric	Park Hill	T. on or b. f. m	O. A. Griffiths	F. J. Hutchins
234	Haver	Clarksburg	Tu. on or b. f. m	G. S. Rogers	J. H. Dickinson
235	Alworth	Paisley	F. on or b. f. m	H. B. Putnam	F. E. Sheppard
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Tu. on or a. f. m	Alex. McKay M.D.	H. Coleman
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b. f. m	Jno. McCrimmon	S. S. Cluton
238	Havelock	Watford	Tues. b. f. m	Samuel Rivers	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b. f. m	A. W. Reynolds	Jas. Murray
242	Macey	Mallorytown	M. on or b. f. m	J. C. Raphael	D. S. Mallory
243	St. George	St. George	Th. on or b. f. m	S. G. Robinson	C. B. Bell
245	Teemaseh	Thamesville	Tu. on or b. f. m	Wm. Sherman	S. Stewart
247	Ashlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday	Wm. S. Ziller	Arthur L. Lyon
249	Caledonian	Midland	M. on or b. f. m	J. S. Fraleigh	Wm. McTavish
250	Thistle	Embro	Th. on or b. f. m	R. A. Geddes	Columbus Ross
251	Minden	Kingston	1st Tuesday	J. S. R. McCann	T. D. Minnes
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls	1st Thursday	F. W. Griffiths	Alex. Gray
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday	H. J. French	J. B. Webster
256	Farra's Point	Aultsville	W. on or b. f. m	Simon Gove	R. H. Hanes
257	Galt	Galt	1st Tuesday	T. S. Jarvis	A. J. Dope

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Pas'd.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'lbs	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	10	12	10	5							77	Jun1904			\$ 59 75
165	17	12	14	2	4	1					81			8 00	72 50
166	7	3	1			1					101	Dec. '03			77 75
168	6	7	5	2		1			4		82	Jun1904	25		51 50
169	5	5	6	1		4					61				16 00
170	3	2	3		2						91	"	2 00		58 00
171	3	4	2		1	1					47	"			36 50
172	1	1	3	1		1	1				25	Dec. '03			28 25
174	4	2	2	1	2	2	1			3	56	Jun1904			31 00
177	12	14	8	3	1	1					161	"	44 75		60 75
178											39	"			30 00
180	3	2	2	1	1	1	1				73	"			37 75
181	1	1	2	1							33	Dec. '03	1 00		36 50
184	10	8	8	2	3	1					82	Jun1904	4 00		68 75
185			1	2	3	1					29	"	1 50		12 50
186	4	3	1	1							39	"			32 25
190	7	7	7							1	44	"			36 25
192	13	12	8	5	2	2	4			4	135	"	6 00		202 25
193											65	Dec. '03			55 50
194	4	4	6			2	1				76	June '04			59 50
195	3	2	1	3	2	2					76	"	2 00		1 00
196	11	11	9	4	4		1			1	97	"			74 50
197	2	2	3		2						55	"			39 00
200	4	5	2	2							62	"	8 00		41 50
201	14	14	13	1	2	2				1	125	Dec. '03			118 00
203	3	3	4		4		2				53	Jun1904			41 25
205	4	4	3			2					36	"			21 00
207	1	1	2		2		5			3	63	"	17 50		128 75
209a	20	19	17	1	3	2				1	244	"			207 50
209	1	1	1								50	"			17 75
212	3	3	3		2	1					19	"			
215	4	3	3	2	5		3				58	"			68 75
216	5	7	9	4	2	1				1	142	"			111 00
217	4	4	3	1		1					62	"	20 75		54 25
218	14	15	20	2	5	4	10			1	227	"			190 00
219	13	9	4		4	3					84	"	1 20		46 00
220		2	4	1	2	2				1	83	"			55 50
221	10	8	7	2	1	3	7			1	83	"			58 50
222	11	9	13	1		2					79	"			
223	22	17	20		1	1					71	"			119 25
224	5	5	5		2	1	2				58	"	50		47 50
225	5	4	4	1	2						89	Dec. '03			72 50
228	1					1					39	Jun1904			20 25
229	5	6	8	2	4	1					76	"			59 25
230	7	6	7	1	1	1	2				103	"	4 00		69 50
231	9	11	10	1	2		1			1	133	"			122 00
232	3	2	2	1						1	61	"		2 00	47 50
233	5	3	3		1	2				1	50	"			42 75
234	1	1	3								66	Dec. '03	17 50		50 50
235	13	13	13	3	4	2	2				46	Jun1904			74 50
236	7	16	13		1	1				2	50	"			63 00
237	9	10	14	2	3		1				55	"			39 50
238	13	9	7	2	1						69	"	1 50		33 50
239	8	8	7	1							67	"	33 50		60 00
242	4	4	4	1		3					71	"			40 00
243	8	8	6	1	2						61	"			50 50
245	4	3	2		1	3		1			58	"			
247	19	22	22	6	5	3	2				277	"			200 50
249	11	11	6			1					123	"			90 00
250											26	Jun1903	13 00		14 50
253	2	2	4		2						82	Jun1904			24 75
254	23	24	22	1	2		2				128	"			112 75
255											59	Dec. '02	2 00		1 00
256	6	6	5								60	Jun1904			83 75
257	8	8	8	2	1	2		1			120	"	7 50		86 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
258	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday	J. A. McCrea	Edward Paff
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Stewart	
260	Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	W. F. Cooper	D. Pepper
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m	W. I. Hewson	R. Q. Irving
262	Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday	E. W. Lambert	John A. Copland
263	Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	C. W. Stuart	P. W. Campbell
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	W. C. Wilson	Thos. Saunders
265	Patterson	Thorntown	Th. on or b.f.m	A. Muckle	J. E. Francis
266	Northern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m	Dr. Jakeway	J. W. Bethune
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	Wm. J. Owens	J. S. Morrison
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	Jos. Stinson	Chas. E. Stewart
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m	R. E. Forsyth	John Forgie
270	Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	E. T. Slemmon	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m	H. C. Skinner	Dugal Campbell
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Hossack	G. D. Farmer, M.D.
273	Kent	Blenheim	2d Monday	W. J. Sedge	J. Crookshank
274	Teeswater	Teeswater	4th Friday	S. R. Brill	W. I. Colwell
275	Seymour	P. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Crawford	Geo. Powell
276	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m	C. M. Schultz	Jno. Jardine
277	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m	D. Henderson	W. J. French
278	Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	Chas. L. Sulman	W. J. Diamond
279	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	Malcolm Black	John Wright
280	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m	A. D. Gallagher	H. M. Wright
281	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	V. R. VanNorman	J. A. Morton
282	Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	John Forde	H. H. Wallis
283	Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m	J. A. Ferguson	P. L. Graham, M.D.
284	Leamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Robinson	W. F. Williams
285	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	Jos. C. Sharpe	Alfred Jones
286	Robertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	Milton Wood	A. Carley
287	T. Roy. Sol. Moth.	Jerusalem Pa	1st Wednesday		
288	Moore	Courtright	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. H. Carter	R. G. Stewart
289	Conestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Geo. A. Campbell	W. H. Smith
290	Temple	St. Catharins	Last Wednesday	E. J. Lovelace	K. G. Beaton
291	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. A. Roos	Jos. Baltzer
292	Victoria	Centreville	Th. on or b.f.m	A. B. Carscallen	Robt. Cox
293	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. F. Logan	M. N. Wright
294	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	W. A. Burns	Fred. S. Lewis
295	Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Peter W. Scott	J. M. Hamilton
296	Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	Arthur W. Green	Jas. Black
297	Humber	Weston	W. on or b.f.m	W. C. Burrage	Geo. H. Scott
298	Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. R. McCracken	W. H. Bean
299	Arkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m	H. J. Brander	Fred. Nelson
300	Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Young	John Varcoe
301	Blackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	Amos Maynard	D. Norton
302	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	E. A. Quennell	E. E. Parker
303	Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	E. A. Tanner	G. B. Hilliard
304	Blair	Palmerston	F. after f. m.	Peter Marion	H. McEwing
305	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	R. M. Hazelwood	R. E. Biggar
306	Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday	A. E. Burgess	H. C. Griffiths
307	Wilmet	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	Henry Walker	Alf. Kaufman
308	Hiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m	R. Catherwood	H. A. Howard
309	Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	A. M. Fulton	L. A. Zufelt
310	Walker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	D. M. Henderson	W. Stark
311	North Star	Owen Sound	W. a. f. m.	James Henry	J. F. McCallum
312	Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	R. M. E. M'Diarmid	R. Code
313	Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	Jas. Dickson	Thos. Pedler
314	Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	Neil Colevile	Thomas Smith
315	Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	Thos. McQuillan	J. H. Macabee
316	The Hammond	Wardville	3rd Tuesday	J. F. Henderson	D. Johnson
317	Tonic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	W. L. Toohill	W. H. Sutherland
318	King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	John J. Parsons	David Hill
319	Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	J. P. Armstrong	H. C. Simpson
320	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. Littlejohn	A. C. Hutchison
321	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	Royal Burritt	R. M. Cassels
322	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	John Wright	C. N. Richardson
323	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tues. after f.m	Geo. Spotton	E. W. Broklebank

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S.N. P.D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	8	6	2			1					86	Jun1904	\$ 3 00		\$ 55 00
259										3	18				20 00
260	14	11	9	3		3					86	Jun1904			87 50
261					2		2			1	25				23 00
262	4	3	2	2	1	1	1			1	87	"			67 75
263	5	3	2	1	2		5				69	"			43 50
264	1	2	4		1	3	1			1	119	"			94 00
265	3	3	3	1		2					44	"			28 50
266	2	3	3	1	2		3			1	20	"	1 25		16 00
267	13	11	15			2				1	94	"			73 50
268	3	3	3	1	1						35	"			28 25
269	2	6	5	5	2	1					49	"			23 25
270	6	6	5	1	2	2				1	69	"	50		68 00
271	2	2	1		1					2	48	Dec. '03	10 00		2 00
272	4	4									78	Jun1904			47 00
273	3	3	3		1					1	66	Jun1904			49 25
276	3	2	3								26	"			14 50
277	7	9	8	1		1				6	43	Dec. '03			46 00
279											56	Jun1903			38 50
282	4	1	2			1					55	Dec. '03			61 00
283	5	4	4	1							67	Jun1904			35 50
284	4	4	5		3	1	4				68	"			66 00
285	4	4	3	1	3	2				1	63	"			61 50
286	7	7	9	3	2	1				2	82	"			68 50
287	16	9	9	5	1			2		1	127	"	1 00		94 50
289	2	2	2		3					1	40	Dec. '03			37 00
290	22	19	14	2	3	2	9			4	107	Jun1904	10 00		85 00
291	5	6	5	1	2					2	69	"	2 00		33 25
292	2	2	2		1						39	"			28 75
293											33	Jun1903			317 43
294			1								38	Dec. '03			18 00
295	7	2	2				1				48	Jun1904	25 00		1 00
296	3	3	3	1	2	2					58	"			36 00
297				1	1						45	"			28 00
299	1	1	1		1						32	"	8 00		
300	4	3	3	1	4		2				32	"	9 50		19 50
302	12	12	10	3	2	2	4			1	185	"	63 25		140 50
303	9	4	3		1	1					56	"			26 50
304	15	14	13	1	1					1	45	"			30 00
305	14	10	8	1	1						61	"			59 25
306	4	3	3		1	1				1	49	"			32 00
307	2	2	2		2	1				1	37	"			21 75
309											50	Dec. '02	1 00		
311	2	2	2	1							40	Jun1904	3 00		47 50
312	12	12	10	2	2		7			2	86	"		2 00	69 75
313	4	4	2		1	1					61	"			46 25
314	3	2			2		8				53	"			30 00
315	4	4	3		1						28	"			22 00
316	66	37	23	7	6	2	6				262	"	50		304 75
318											35	Jun1902			
319	5	4	4								36	Dec. '08	7 50		59 50
320	8	7	8		8	1				1	85	Jun1904			62 25
321	5	1	1	1	1						50	"		4 00	31 75
322	4	4	7	1		1	3				119	Dec. '03		50	118 75
323	7	3	2	1	2					1	60	Jun1904			29 00
324	7	5	9		4	1					302	Dec. '03	2 50		207 75
325	2	1	1				1				35	"		4 00	35 25
326	10	16	29	5	3	5	2			1	412	Jun1904	75		307 25
327	2	2	2								22	"			23 50
328											39	Dec. '99			6 00
329	10	10	10	1	1	1	1				54	Jun1904			47 75
330	19	18	16	1	2	5	7			1	108	"		4 00	85 50
331	6	6	6								88	"	1 50		30 00
332	10	10	8	3	1					1	165	"			108 00
333	3	1	1		1					1	53	"			43 00
334	6	5	3		3						50	"	13 00		25

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1904, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Ellwood	F. Litt eJohn
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. M. Stark	C. B. Bennett
338	aDufferin	Welland port	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jacob Stewart	Jas. R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	G. N. Ferrier	F. H. Anderson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. G. Walker	Jno. W. Miles
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	W. J. Sykes	J. M. Sumner
344	aMerrill	Dorch's tr S'n	Th. on or b.f.m	W. Ferguson	J. A. Morris
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b.f.m	Donald Fraser	J. A. James
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesday	W. J. King	John Lillie
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	T. N. Wansbrough	A. J. Prichard
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday	W. H. Hewson	N. S. Kenny
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	3d Wednesday	A. M. Currie	D. Macferlane
354	aBrock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	J. J. Hart	Joseph A. Kift
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Taylor	Geo Simpson
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove	Tu. on or b.f.m	H. W. Hill	Walter Forester
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	J. A. Scott	Wm. Barker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	W. C. Mitchell	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	1st Tuesday	F. P. Warne	Fred. W. Mills
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday	E. A. McDonald	J. S. Stephenson
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	W. B. P. Munroe	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Neil Campbell	J. F. James
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	H. Meadows	R. C. Gallagher
368	aSalem	Brookville	2nd Monday	Chas. H. Storey	Jas. Reynolds
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. A. Montgomery	R. E. Port
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	L. N. Phelps	W. J. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	A. E. Cowan	John B. Wright
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Tu. on or a.f.m	F. T. Pattison	J. G. Watts
373	aCopetstone	Welland	1st Thursday	W. H. Crowther	Thomas Main
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m	Robt. Humphries	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Omamee	1st Thursday	T. A. McCrae	G. S. Cameron MD
376	aUnity	Huntsville	2d Wednesday	Jas. E. Fisher	Oscar Wiener
377	aLorn	Shelburne	1st Friday	Thos. Babe	Jno. R. Berwick
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	G. A. Stilson	W. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m	Clement Pattison	Al x. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday	F. Lawson	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	C. B. Webber	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winchester	1st Tuesday	A. Sweet	E. H. Trickey
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	Robt. Thompson	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	D. J. Dunn, M.D.	J. R. Croft
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	T. on or b.f.m	Daniel McKillop	Wm. A. Becker
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m	W. G. Johnston	W. F. Meale
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m	W. W. Robson	J. H. Robson
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	John H. McCully	W. H. Waddell
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m	W. J. Bodkin	J. D. McMillan
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	J. W. Marshall	W. U. Latornell
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or a.f.m	David Mann	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	1st Tuesday	J. O. Stinson	W. T. Ross
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m	A. W. Morrison	J. S. Robinson
395	aParvain	Comber	Fri. on or b.f.m	Robt. Anderson	E. S. Hughes
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu. on or b.f.m	S. E. Foster	W. M. Newman
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	W. J. Fawcett	F. R. Seager
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	W. on or b.f.m	E. Mosgrove	Jos. McClelland
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	W. J. Coates	D. D. York
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b.f.m	John A. Riggs	C. A. Bradbury
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	R. N. Irvine	T. W. Rowland
402	aCentral	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. A. Sherrin	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	Geo. H. Nairn	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tanworth	F. on or a.f.m	Chas. R. Jones	Jas. Aylesworth
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday	T. G. Horwood	C. Hants'el, M.D
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	Fred. S. Cullon	E. Fitzgerald
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. Grant, M.D.	W. C. Latimer
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday	J. H. Elliott	W. W. Winfield
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday	Geo McQuillan	E. A. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	T. W. Kirkpatrick	H. McL. Paterson
412	aRevstone	S. St. Marie	Th. on or b.f.m	C. W. McCrea	T. E. Simpson
413	aNaphtali	Tilby Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	Harold Callwood	W. A. Hutton

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Raised.	Join'd.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
336	5	5	5	1	2	1	3			1	63	Jun1904		1 00	\$ 79 75
337	2	2	2		1		3				28	"	1 00		43 50
338	10	10	9	3							48	"	40 25		15 75
339	28	22	21	4	1	2				3	249	Dec. '03	10 75		199 50
341	1	2	2								39	Jun1904	1 00		22 50
343	21	17	20		6	6	2				238	"			215 75
344	5	5	5	7		1					32	"			16 75
345	2	2	2	2		2	5			1	23	"			23 00
346	24	22	20	2	4		1			2	198	"			157 00
347	6	6	5	1	1		1				52	"			42 00
348	7	7	4	1	3	1				2	43	"	4 00		
352	9	10	8	3		1	2				93	"	25		79 50
354	8	7	6		5	1					62	"			50 50
356	4	1	1	3	1						39	"	50		19 50
357	4	3	2	1							76	"			55 00
358						1					35	"	19 00		19 00
359	3	3	3		1						41	"			25 00
360	6	7	4	3	1		2				67	"			37 75
361	18	16	12		2						130	"	2 00		91 25
362	3		1		2						50	"	2 00		33 25
364		1	1		1		6				26	"			17 50
367	20	18	25	5		5	3				199	"			162 00
368	21	22	18	4		2	3			2	114	"			124 75
369	7	5	3		5	3	2			1	79	"		16 00	86 25
370											60	Dec. '02			1 00
371	5	4	3		2						89	Jun1904			67 50
372	8	8	6	2		2	1				75	"			47 25
373	6	7	7	1	2	1					62	"			52 50
374	1	1	1	1	3	2					31	"			24 75
375	3	2	1		2		5				31	"	64 25		22 00
376	3	3	3		5	3	3				90	"	1 00		63 00
377	5	6	6		2	1				2	63	"			52 75
378	22	18	12	1	1		2			1	99	"			75 50
379	3	4	4								30	Dec. '03		2 00	28 25
380	13	15	15	1	3	3	3				145	"			128 25
382	15	16	17	5		1	1				222	Jun1904	1 50		159 75
383	7	10	10		1	2	5				68	"			95 25
384	19	21	17	7	1	4	3			1	260	"			182 50
385	4	3	4		2						59	"			49 00
386	1	1	3								62	"			45 00
387	7	6	4								34	"	13 25		13 75
388				3	1						37	"	4 00		23 50
389	1	2	3		3		1				35	"		1 00	20 75
390				2							24	Dec. '03		50	13 00
391	7	7	6	1	3						72	Jun1904			54 00
392	1	3	3		1						55	"			33 00
393	4	2	1		1	1	1				37	"			38 50
394	4	4	3		2	2	1			1	65	"			70 50
395	2	3	3		3						46	"			31 25
396	8	8	6	2		1					97	Dec. '03			75 75
397	8	7	7		1						63	Jun1904			49 50
398	8	8	7		6		1				36	"	3 00		
399				1							21	"			9 00
400	7	5	7	1	2	1	6			2	119	"			57 50
401	4	4	4		1	2	9			2	56	"	3 00		66 50
402	2	1	1	2	2						57	"			35 75
403	14	14	13	1	1		4				171	"	3 00		116 50
404	6	5	8	1	1	1	2				38	"			13 25
405	9	9	5	1	2	2					89	"			81 25
406	7	6	5		1	1	1				57	"			45 75
408	4	3	2								46	"	3 50		20 00
409	8	10	12								59	"			27 50
410	29	23	22	1	3	3	2				160	"	2 00		133 50
411	8	6	4	3		1					30	"	24 50		2 00
412	17	15	16	5	1	3	2				196	"	3 00		159 00
413		14	13	1		1				1	103	Jun1903		2 00	112 50

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Portage	Rat Portage	1st Wednesday	D. H. Currie....	J. W. Skinner...
415	Port William	Port William	2d Wednesday	Fred. Symes....	P. J. Pilkey....
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. W. Bulloch...	H. W. Gardiner...
417	Keewatin	Keewatin Mis.	1st Friday....	John Walls.....	A. J. Holmes....
418	Maxville	Maxville	2nd Tuesday...	Jas. Cornack....	D. A. Irvine....
419	Bismarck	Pt. Edward	2nd Monday...	D. J. McDougall	B. F. George....
420	Nipissing	North Bay...	2nd Monday...	E. S. Senkler....	W. I. Johnson...
421	Scott	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m.	Jas. McGregor...	Wm. McIntyre...
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m.	Edward Long....	Wm. H. Bradley
423	Strong	Sundridge	3d Monday....	W. W. Robertson	A. McDonald....
424	Doric	Pickering...	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. E. Johnston	Geo. W. P. Every
425	St. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. D. Thompson	Geo. A. Smith...
426	Stanley	W. Tor Junc	1st Tuesday...	G. S. Martin, M.D.	Wm. Harris....
427	Norfolk	Sudbury	1st Wednesday	W. J. Cressey...	Jos. Fowler....
428	Fidelity	Port Perry...	F. on or b.f.m.	Jas. H. Freeborn	Wm. Spence....
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin...	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Duff....	J. T. Lillie....
430	Acacia	East Toronto	3rd Monday...	Chas. Fitzpatrick	T. G. Paterson...
431	Moravian	Eden Grove...	F. on or a. f.m.	T. Jos. Chittick	W. J. Loughlan
432	Hanover	Hanover...	F. on or b.f.m.	S. M. Armstrong	John Sutherland
433	Bonsecure	Eganville...	2nd Monday...	Geo. Elliott....	C. W. J. Howarth
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on or a. f.m.	Ezra B. Grant...	Robt. McKonkey
435	Havelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m.	John Anderson...	A. Kinewasser...
436	Burns	Hepworth...	Tu. on or a. f.m.	H. Robertson...	W. Cameron....
437	Fusca	Sarnia	3d Wednesday	Wm. J. Barrie...	W. F. Wrighton.
438	Harmony	Toronto	4th Monday...	Jas. R. Code....	W. T. Martin...
439	Alexandria	Alexandria...	1st Wednesday	David Wason....	John Simpson...
440	Arcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m.	Jas. E. Dooxsee	W. S. Munn....
441	Westport	Westport...	1st Friday....	G. H. Berry....	Robt. Flegg....
442	Idemont	Thessalon...	Th. on or b.f.m.	E. C. Bridge....	W. M. Argue....
443	Powassan	Powassan...	2nd Friday....	J. A. Porter....	T. S. Trenouth...
444	Nitetis...	Creemore	Tu. on or a. f.m.	Geo. E. J. Brown	Thos. Gowan...
445	Lake of the Woods	Rat Portage	2nd Wednesday	Wm. Robertson	J. E. McGillivray
446	Granite	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jesse Oldridge...	Wm. Floyd....
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	2nd Monday...	A. A. Beach....	Theo. H. Connor
448	Xenopho	Wheatley...	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. M. Wilson...	E. Hanson....
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	W. on or b.f.m.	John Howes....	E. Montcastle...
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury...	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. S. Hall....	J. A. Ferguson...
451	Sumerville	Kinmount...	Th. on or b.f.m.	Jno. C. Train...	Amos Train....
452	Avonmore	Avonmore...	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Duke....	F. Trusdale....
453	Royal	Ft. William...	1st Wednesday	A. McNaughton	F. C. Perry....
454	Corona	Burk's Falls...	1st Monday...	R. J. Sturgeon...	J. W. Harris...
455	Doric	Little Cur'nt	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. A. M. Bellwood	W. J. McVinn...
456	Elna	Monkton...	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. R. Terry....	A. Chalmers...
457	Century	Merlin	1st Monday...	Wm. F. Roberts'n	W. P. Teskey...
458	Wales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m.	F. Warren....	W. J. Huff....
459	Cobden	Cobden	2d Tuesday...	Rev. M. H. Wilson	C. B. Graham...
460	Rileau	Seeley's Bay	Th. on or b.f.m.	Robt. J. Gardin'r	Geo. R. Hawkins
461	Loon	Rainy River	1st Thurs. e.m.	Donald Robert'n	Jas. S. Lothian...
462	Temiscaming	New L'Isleard	Th. on or b.f.m.	Alex. M. Ross...	D. McCosh....
463	North Entrance	Haliburton...	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Giles....	A. E. Jones....
464	King Edward	Sunderland...	Fr. on or b.f.m.	Jos. Thompson...	E. G. Sutherland
465	Arleton	Carp	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. N. Kidd...	.....
466	Coronation	Elmvale...	1st Friday....	W. F. W. Lent...	.....
U. D. Peel	.....	Caledon East	Fr. on or b.f.m.	F. N. Leavens...	.....
U. D. Tottenham	.....	Tottenham...	Fr. on or b.f.m.	John Macabe...	Alfred P. Potter
U. D. Altona	St. Marie	2nd Wednesday	David D. Lewis
U. D. Victoria	Vic. Harbor...	Th. on or b.f.m.	Ed. B. Brown...

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LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1904.—Continued.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'ns	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	11	11	7		3		4				100	Jun1904			\$ 86 00
415	23	19	20	2	3	1	2			4	87	"			85 75
416	4	4	4	1	1					1	37	"	12 50		13 50
417	3	2	2	1	1						60	"			35 00
418	7	8	8	1	3					8	70	"	2 00		69 25
419	10	10	7		1	2					87	"		2 00	72 00
420	13	14	16	1	2	1					110	"	23 50		35 25
421	15	8	4	1	1						82	"			66 00
422	1	1	1		1	1	1				44	"			49 00
423	8	8	7	2			9			4	53	"			34 50
424	2	2	3								38	"			30 50
425	5	5	5		1		1				60	"			55 25
426	15	14	18	8	2	1					217	"			177 75
427	13	7	6	2	1	1				1	126	"			93 75
428	7	1	1	1	3	1					84	"		3 00	104 25
429											50	Jun1903			22 00
430	7	7	5	2	2	1				2	114	Jun1904	2 00		92 00
431	8	7	8				2				48	Dec. '03			45 75
432	6	6	2	3		2					47	Jun1904		25	1 00
433	4	6	5		4		1				44	"		6 00	34 75
434			2		1			1		1	53	Dec. '03			33 00
435	8	6	2		3		1				76	Jun1904			48 50
436	4	4	3	1							35	"			
437	9	4	6		1	3					101	"	4 75		87 50
438	47	42	41	6	7	2	6			1	249	"	6 00		280 00
439	4	3	2								45	"			56 50
440	4	6	7	1	4	1					44	"		6 00	52 25
441	4	2	2				1				35	"		4 00	28 25
442	9	5	6	2	4	1	2				68	"		1 00	78 50
443	2	4	3	1	1	1					36	Dec. '03			47 00
444	10	7	5	1	1	1					47	Jun1904		1 00	32 50
445	2	2		2	2						29	"			17 50
446	3	5	6	4	7	1	2				53	"		2 00	68 25
447	9	5	3	2	1	1					46	"		15 00	1 00
448	7	8	8			1					47	Dec. '03		2 00	41 75
449	6	4	4								28	"	1 00		33 75
450	8	6	7		4						49	Jun1904			50 00
451	12	9	10		1	2	1				55	"	3 25		88 50
452	3	6	8		3						31	"			67 25
453	7	12	11	4		1					46	"	4 50		67 75
454	7	8	6								32	Dec. '03		4 25	57 50
455	13	12	15								65	Jun1904			72 00
456	8	9	9		2						32	"			49 00
457											13	Jun1904			10 00
458	8	12	11	1							47	Jun1904			91 50
459	7	6	6	2			1				37	"	25		45 50
460	17	14	10	2	1						35	"		17 00	51 75
461	16	11	9	6							31	"			40 50
462	9	7	5	1							33	"		4 00	37 00
463	4	3	2	4							27	Dec. '03		8 00	40 75
464	15	14	14								34	Jun1904		3 00	35 00
465											21	"			26 50
466	13	13	5								27	"		7 00	30 00
Peel											21	"			20 00
Tot											13	Jun1904			20 00
Alg											22	"			
Vic											14	"			
Amount twice credited												(in error) to L	odge 344		5 50
2952 2701 2552 476 633 393 469 5 216 32706													949 45	174 50	25577 68
												Interest.....			4063 84
												Miscellaneous			500 00
												\$30,141 52			

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. Webster, West Lorne.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 395, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Fssex
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 448, Xenophon.....	Wheatley
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	" 457, Century.....	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. W. Trusler, Camlachie.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Henry Roe, St. Thomas.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. George Malcolm, Stratford.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'g
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Doric.....	Parkhill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	" 456, Elma.....	Monkton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson, Kincardine.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Thra
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugene.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aidsworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Paris.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Flatsville.....	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....	Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John W. Porteous, Galt.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 257, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Fred Walters, Hamilton.

No. 6, The Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. A. Wakefield, Orillia.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 444, Nitetis.....	Creemore
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 466, Coronation.....	Elmvale
" 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner	U.D. Victoria ..	Victoria Harbor

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. F. Bald, Thorold.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....	Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York		

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (21).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 305, Humber.....Weston
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 65, Rehoboam.....Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	U.D. Peel.....Caledon East
" 292, Robertson.....Nobleton	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT N. 11a. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 220, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 97, Sharon.....Sharon	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No 12 (14)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon, Oshawa.

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby	No. 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 428, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa	" 463, North Entrance.....Haliburton
" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield	" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. E. Helliwell, Stirling.

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville	No. 126, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Frank.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Pictou	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Minnes, Kingston.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napawee	" 228, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 92, Cataraqui.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tarnworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 460, Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque	

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. B. Magee, Merrickville.

No. 5, Sussex.....Brockville	No. 110, Central.....Prescott
" 14, True Britons.....Perth	" 242, Macoy.....Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	" 368, Salem.....Brockville
" 28, Mount Zion.....Komptville	" 370, Harmony.....Delta
" 55, Merrickville.....Merrickville	" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 74, St. James.....Bethel	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....Augusta
" 85, Rising Sun.....Farmersville	" 416, Lyn.....Lyn

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (17.)

D.D.G.M.--R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Ottawa.

No. 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior
" 58, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 63, St. John's.....	Carleton Place	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 433, Bonnechere.....	Eganville
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 459, Cobden.....	Cobden
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 465, Carleton.....	Carp
" 177, The Builders'.....	Ottawa		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.--R. W. Bro. W. A. Weir, Port Arthur.

No. 287, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods.....	Rat Portage
" 414, Pequong.....	Rat Portage	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William	" 453, Royal.....	Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin	" 461, Ionic.....	Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (9.)

D.D.G.M.--R. W. Bro. M. McFadden, Sault Ste. Marie.

No. 405, Mattawa.....	Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls
" 412, Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doric.....	Little Current
" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay	" 462, Temiscaming.....	New Liskeard
" 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury	U. D. Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dymont.....	Thessalon		

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee, Gravenhurst.

No. 352, Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....	Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....	Emisdale
" 376, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....	Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....	Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Chas. A. Smith, Millbrook.

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....	Onemee
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....	Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough		

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (14.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. R. H. Haines, Aultsville.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 383, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 439, Alexandria.....	Alexandria
" 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet	" 450, Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
" 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster	" 452, Avonmore.....	Avonmore
" 256, Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	" 453, Wales.....	Wales

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	24	Lodges.
St. Clair	" 2.....	20	"
London	" 3.....	26	"
South Huron	" 4.....	16	"
North Huron	" 5.....	19	"
Wilson	" 6.....	21	"
Wellington	" 7.....	21	"
Hamilton	" 8.....	21	"
Georgian	" 9.....	22	"
Niagara	" 10.....	21	"
Toronto West	" 11.....	21	"
Toronto East	" 11a.....	20	"
Ontario	" 12.....	14	"
Prince Edward	" 13.....	19	"
Frontenac	" 14.....	15	"
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	14	"
Ottawa	" 16.....	17	"
Algoma	" 17.....	8	"
Nipissing	" 18.....	9	"
Muskoka	" 19.....	8	"
Otonabee	" 20.....	13	"
Eastern	" 21.....	14	"

SUSPENSIONS FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 245—W C Armstrong. 257—J Angus McCormick. 287—Colin Tonquin
Ransom H Richmond. 434—Jas N Sawyer.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 3—Wm C Dardy. 5—C H Fitzsimmons, B R Woods. 6—Geo F Salton,
D F Allen. 7—G H Hart, J B Brant, G W Meyers, D VanDyke, G Smythe, T J
Noble. 9—W Asseltine, R A Leonard, N J Sills, S Gibson. 11—C Beckett, D J
Fairfield, W O Gore, C P Hunter, C Harrison, F G Kewis, D Thompson, C W
Taylor. 14—T E Ainsley, C Butler, J Barclay, J Howarth, W A Morris, E T
Williamson, N McLenaghan, J McAllister, G Oliver. 16—W H Oliver, J Pollard.
18—C Atkins, M B Pymmer, J D Gilbert, M Harrison. 20—A Cox, N Henry, E D
Munroe, J Walker, J Young. 25—A E Plummer, W E Haslane, W H Bunting.
27—F A Patton. 31—B Pickett. 32—T S Burwell, M W Britton, R J Laidlaw,
R McKeever, W F Scott, Thos J Galbraith. 38—J F Shaulsbury, J Nicolson,
C G Chisholm, R C Post. 40—J Lyon, W J Clarke, John T Greenaway, J W
Board, T L Bates, A S Henderson. 42—H Yates, J Broadbent, R M Birrell, R
Caswallada, Robt W Burrell. 3—W Kirkpatrick, N Lampman, R G Whitelaw,
D M Perry. 44—C E Edmons, John Farley, J W Patterson, S J Cockrane. 45
—W W Muir, A McKee. 46—Jas M. rus, J A Waggoner. 47—C J McArthur, Geo
W Freeman, Wm Balmer, F Brooks, C Shorter, J McNailey, J Reynolds, R C
Mason. 52—R Davey, W J Morse, F W Bendon, D H McLean, C D Rochester,
W G Smith. 55—H S Ferguson, E L Bowes, J J Maxwell, D O Allport. 58—J
Erratt, G A Snider, J A Thompson. 61—Cyrus W Bristol, B H Lewis, W J
Sutherby. 63—J Robinson, J C McNie. 68—H Golding, Thos Dougan, H C
Grant, P Meek, E E Dundass, D Boyse, Jas McMurray, Jas Dundass, J Hender-
son, J McMurray, S McCue, Abe Edwards. 75—S George, W Davidson, R
Greenians, F E Moran, A Grimbleby. 76—A T Rice, C S Johnson, Wm H Lyle.
77—B Robinson, Jas Nesbitt, H Gladman. 79—W T Metcalf, E N McBeth, E S
Durham. 82—G T Simpson, R Elliott. 83—G W Hampie. 84—W Jones, T C
Bruce, J McWhirter. 85—A Moulton, Geo Caranagh, J H McLaughlin. 86—
W A Campbell, G Davie, A L Young. C H R Riches, J D Ritchie, M D Boyd, J
McM Hunter, E J Hoho. 91—T A Crandall, C W Crandall, W C Grims, H
Hicks, C S Lord, W D Payne, J Scougale, A G Scougale, G E R Wilson, J
Warren. 93—Jas Gray. 94—L J Mothersill. 96—W F Adams, H Metcalf, C
Wiggins. 97—R J Glover, R M NanNorman. 100—T Rutherford, F Patton,
Geo Lees, Jr. 104—J B Gillam, G Walker, J D Palmer, F W Stockton, J J
Bannon, W M Gillam, L Haney. 105—Geo A Tufts, F Aldous. 109—J W Pat-
terson, W H Kennedy. 121—G W Montgomery, R B Gilmour, W Evon, W D
Grant, G Abernethy, F F Buck, W J Curran, W S Ismond. 123—Geo F Mc-
Carthy, W A Huffman, Thos Mills, J E Thompson, G P Minaker, G W Wee-
e. 126—C Loutitt, D Lynn. 133—A W Hatham, P D Bishop. 135—C Hoff, T E
Elliott, S Cook. 136—F B Squier. 141—H W Thomson. 142—C D Casselman,
S R Loucks, P J Lane, G H S Kennedy. 146—J Carr. 149—W L Love-
reign, O C Blake, A F Perkins. 151—R Davey. 154—A L Shipley. 156—F A Mulholland. 159—
C Spearman, A Beatty, G Bearman, A Dority, J Eady, F Flood, H Gow, F Johnston,
S F Lindsay, E Mills, M G Pettapiece, W Smith, W A Caldwell, A Jamieson, T N
Mattingley, W Rea, J Stewart, J E Armstrong, W K Harris. 172—John G
Ranks. 174—H Woodward. 180—John Coons. 192—J W Ellis, G Dixon, T B
Lafferty, G A Cheer. 194—A E Fitzgerald. 196—F J Irvine. 203—Samuel
Jackson, Arthur Eright. 207—A H Cameron, H S Fraser, R J Fraser, H
Superior, F McD Jacobs. 315—J E Robinson, H Robinson, W A Onderdonk.
218—E J Allen, J S Adam, G F Bishopric, A E Edkins, T S Laucaster, T E
Pringl, J M Proctor, W E Pickard, W J Smith, W R Williams. 221—B F
Mor ey, C Ware, J F Vanderburgh, C W Howell, Wilfred Hansel. 224—G E
Turner, G N Babcock. 230—R S Cundle, W D Vansickle. 231—D R Baile. 235
Adam McGill, W W Brown. 237—J H Hawkins. 247—M H Basel, J W Del.
254—H J Hawkins, J Wilson. 261—H A Macks, Thos J Lovey. 262—J B Wilson.
263—T Jones, J Rupp, W H Bartram, H L Morris, Jno Callan. 264—Jas Elliott.
266—R E Bingham, F W Palmer, J A Cameron. 284—R Pelton, B Cochrane,
Geo C Olvar, R Blair. 290—W Manse, R J Russels, J E Quick, Wm Pinder, W
H Mitchell, Geo Fox, Jno Carr, N W Craig, J F McMillan. 295—Jos Crozier.
296—John Reid, Chas Norris. 300—T E Barnes, W J Grice. 302—T Lowrey, P
Allen, J P Cunningham, Geo Garrow. 312—C E Nightingale, W S Woolever, J
McCallum, G McFarland, D A McDonald, A L Shambleau, C S Judson. 314—
R Doherty, M H Barber, G Raty, W H Raty, F Zilleaux, S T Vanstone, J L Dixon, J
W McCabe. 316—J Clayton, T McA Campbell, F E Duffill, G Dower, A Roda-
baugh, S H Wheeler. 322—J D Robertson, Jas Brown, A G W Pedwell. 325—
Geo Moffatt. 326—C Blyth, H A Duggan, H Service, E F R Copeman, R

Lloyd, T R Lewis, Jno Gillies. 336—J Morningstar, V A Statia, Thos H Ridley. 337—S J McCoppen, J A McMullin, W S Elliott. 343—W Simpson, J D Warren. 345—Wm Duncan, W H Bennett, J Richardson, A Elliott, G E Hutcheson. 346—J Armitage. 347—Wm Geo Ward. 352—J A Eryderman, J R Gillies. 360—A H Huxson, F W Pensom. 364—W Webb, J McRoberts, R J Lucas, F Harvey, D A Sinclair, J Berdan. 367—S J Seymour, J E C Boyce, W C Munro. 368—F Armstrong, J A Bell, R M Hamilton. 369—W Tomlinson, G T Waugh. 372—C H Hann. 375—Bradd, C Ivory, T McBride, A Redmont, T Stewart. 376—S Snyder, E Cassibo, F Levey. 378—W J Keyes, A Loughney. 380—A R Pingel, Wm H Carrothers, J W Wallace. 382—J J Spence. 383—A S Shaver, J D Campbell, R G Carson, W H Walker, Jas Fraser. 384—D G S Connery, J B Newton, F Davis. 249—Jas Hillis. 393—D J Sutherland. 394—W J McKay. 398—N Tallman. 400—Geo Mowett, M H Smith, R E Wales, C B Patterson, E B Anderson, C E Anderson. 401—R H Baker, E R Chapin, G E Clement, J H Hamilton, N M Jackson, W W Scott, W K S Smellie, Jas Whitton, R Farrell. 403—A Whittaker, A Rumble, S T Reeves, R W Simpson. 404—Geo Mills, W R Baker. 406—E L Francis. 410—Jno Hunter, Robt Welsh. 412—Wm Neill, H R Moore. 414—F A Hudson, T M Sutherland, M Hunter, J W Loyst. 415—F T Wilson, R E Larmour. 422—J C Bell. 423—N McEachern, H Searing, W Marshall, J Cavana, J S Dunn, F Sinclair, R Robertson, M E Tooke, S Orchard. 425—A W Watson. 433—D C Lockie. 438—J D Forsyth, G Wrigley, Geo. R Fawcett, L Blumberg, C E Hancock, John E Roustron. 441—E G Adams. 442—N Currie, L E Delcomyn. 446—J C Shepherd, F Crandell. 451—J J Crain. 459—J A Cryderman.

DEATHS.

No. 2—W Long, 19th December, '03. 3—W J Livingston, 14th July, '03; F Day, 22nd July, '03; R J McDowall, 25th January, '04; A Sebernethy, 9th Feb., '04; T E Knowles, 12th February, '04. 5—John Smith, 20th July, '03; Alex Stewart, 17th March, '03. 6—W Monk, 24th December, '03; Alex McPherson, 26th December, '03; Jas Beattie, 17th April, '04; H Munsie, 29th December, '03; J H Peatfield, 12th January, '04; Elias Vernon, 7th April, '04; J H W Palm, 8th, May, '04; J M Waddell, 2nd June, '04. 9—T E Anderson, 25th July, '03; J Gibbers, 10th January, '04; E A Rikley, 3rd June, '04. 10—I W Vincent, 23rd July, '03. 11—T Walters, 9th January, '04; F S Emmons, 3rd February, '04. 14—G Thornton, 8th September, '03; J McK Dodds, 19th October, '03. 15—N Lindsay, 17th September, '03; F W Macdonald, 8th January, '04; J L Ranney, 8th May, '04; L F Jones, 11th May, '04. 16—J T Vineat, 29th December, '03; D Rose, 9th May, '04; John Copp, 29th May, '04. 17—J G Battell, 29th February, '04. 18—J N Gilbert, 23rd September, '03; J J Fralick, June, '04. 20—B G Clampitt, 10th November, '03; D F Sutherland, 30th August, '03; Jas Hendry, August, '03. 22—F Stubbs, 4th July, '03; Jas Norris, 16th June, '03; W Grant, 25th February, '04; J Helderess, 7th April, '04. 24—Geo Foster, 30th October, '03; W S Anderson, 15th February, '04. 25—Jno F Lash, 26th March, '04; T Ferguson, 30th May, '04; A B Lee, 22nd June, '04. 26—J H Hawkins, 2nd February, '04. 27—W B Crox, 6th July, '03; T Oliver, 15th September, '03; J Smye, 22nd December, '03; J Czerar, 8th May, '04; J Kenrick, 24th May, '04. 29—L J Austin, 10th January, '04; L Roblin, 26th March, '04. 31—T Fitzgerald, 6th January, '04. 32—John Perry, 18th November, '03; T C Turner, 26th July, '03. 33—L S Scott, 3rd October, '03; Wm Hutchinson, 19th September, '03; R F Lattimore, 10th April, '04. 34—W Lasham, 27th November, '03; F J T Naffel, 15th November, '03; R Henderson, 15th August, '03. 37—R Gregg. 40—John Jackson, 12th September, '03; J Picker-gill, 24th April, '04; W Torrance, 25th April, '04; R Fuller, 12th June, '04. 41—W H Kennedy, 16th October, '03; J Cady, Sr., 5th January, '04; H Harris, 7th February, '04. 42—F Burchnell, D W Vary, H Waterman, I Waterman. 43—C McClineghan, 2nd March, '04; S J Cole, 25th March, '04. 44—C Roe, 14th February, '04; L J Hall, 17th February, '04; R W Bloom, 2th February, '04; J Brown, 3rd June, '04; J E Smith, 22nd June, '04. 45—M Malcolm, 14th November, '03; R Henwood, 22nd May, '04. 46—G Weir, 31st October, '03. 47—F Boutellier, 26th December, '03; B Brooks, 16th May, '04. 55—Wm Wright, 14th February, '04. 56—N Parks, 17th September, '03. 57—W J Start, G W Brown, 10th April, '04. 58—H F Brading, 5th September, '03; C W Shleacow, 18th February, '04. 61—F Kittyle, 25th June, '03; J Prentice, 22nd July, '03; J C Vosper, 11th August, '03; G Steele, 5th February, '04; R J Smith, 29th February, '04. 62—J Bingle, 10th March, '04. 64—J Bitten, 7th June, '03; J McLellan, 28th July, '03; L Risk, 4th August, '03; H W Southam, 12th November, '03. 65—G Layburn, 1st November, '03; T Nixon, 3rd January, '04. 73—Jrs Leary, 18th November, '03. 75—E Terry, 19th October, '03; I C Silver, November, '93; J Tomlinson, 5th December, '03; W G H Lowe, 3rd February, '04; E T Cartv, 2nd March, '04; T J Jermyn, 12th April, '04; V E Hart, 28th April, '04; A S Irving, 29th April, '04. 76—R R Fulton, 20th October, '03; G Harwood, 9th April, '04; J T Baine, 24th April, '04. 78—E L Shattuck, 6th July, '03; J W Vincent, 23rd July, '03; Wm McDonald, 17th December, '03. 79—D E Sutherland, 25th January, '04. 81—F Thompson, 22nd June, '04. 85—Jas Tackabury, 27th December, '03. 86—P J LaCour, 15th November, '03;

R Oliver, 21st March, '04; H McCaw, 8th March, '04; J Raffan, 18th April, '04; J H Pritchard, 7th March, '04. 87—Jas Eckardt, 11th January, '04; Jno Webber, 19th May, '04. 88—W H McKenzie Barclay, 31st August, '03. 90—W R Anderson, 23rd November, '03. 92—J Shannon, 9th August, '03. 93—Dewitt H Martyn, 19th July, '03; H Collins, 15th February, '04. 94—A Hepburn, 27th August, '03; J G Long, 19th February, '04. 96—Geo Ellis, 16th August, '03. 97—J Kavanagh, 30th July, '03. 98—Geo Watson, '02. 100—W Forrest, 13th August, '03; W Holmwood, 16th November, '03. 101—H Owens, 25th October, '03; E Brown, 20th March, '04. 103—T Morton, 27th July, '03; J Bethell, 7th August, '03; F C Kelly, 10th April, '04. 105—J McGarry, 13th August, '03. 107—Jep Foreman, 1st April, '04. 109—Philander Meyers, 1st January, '04. 110—A Press, 25th July, '03; G T Howard, 14th February, '04. 115—Geo B Rodgers, 1st July, '04; Geo Sinclair, 16th January, '04. 121—W Howell, 22nd July, '03; W J Bracket, September, '03; R Henwood, 22nd May, '04; J R Aitcheson, 2nd January, '04. 123—D B Robertson, 1st October, '03; D Urquhart, 17th December, '03; C F Smith, 18th January, '04; W H Adams, 12th February, '04. 126—R J Eley, 8th June, '03; J L Hepburn, 31st March, '04. 127—F Dafeo, 21st July, '04; T Crowe, 27th July, '03; C Armstrong, 1st November, '04; W R Solmes, 17th June, '04. 128—W Mattheson, 22nd December, '03; 129—H G Graham, 11th August, '03. 131—J Lee, 16th June, '04. 133—Jno Willis, 6th September, '03. 137—A Lockerbie, 11th February, '04; H Hair, 11th April, '04. 139—W Foster, 16th December, '03. 144—A Caven, 2nd June, '03; Jas Greer, 28th May, '03; Chas Kahn, 147—W R Campbell, 15th May, '04. 149—Jas Bell, 8th June, '04. 151—Wm Washburn, 18th April, '04. 155—G W Hall, 3rd July, '03; J Fanning, 22nd November, '03; C Cameron, 25th February, '04; W A Stratton, 5th April, '04. 156—J E Hopking, 21st November, '03. 159—Thos Good, 23rd May, '03; Jno Kemp, 14th October, '03. 161—R P Hurlbut, 23rd October, '03. 165—W Richardson, 14th March, '04. 166—W J Patterson, 26th November, '03. 168—A A Ruby, 30th August, '03. 169—C E Doan, 8th October, '03; A K Scholfeld, 18th August, '03; R Gillies, 22nd January, '04; J C McRae, 30th January, '04. 171—A McIntyre, 18th June, '04. 172—John Watson, December '03. 174—J M Parker, 25th April, '04; J Robins, 24th May, '04. 177—W C Elkins, 10th August, '03. 180—Geo Porteous, 14th April, '04. 184—A McQuaig, 17th June, '04. 185—Wm Clark, 4th March, '04. 192—Jno McBain, 2nd January, '04; A E Tudhope, 20th April, '04. 194—J W Pennock, 26th March, '03; J E Perkins, 27th December, '03. 195—G M Innes, 29th July, '03. H Waterman. 201—J Ormiston, 24th January, '03; S. C. Skinner, 7th March, '03. 205—J Heppler, 5th August, '04; T R Smith, 13th September, '04. 209a—A McCormick, 27th September, '03; W Platt, 13th December, '03. 212—J Dickson, 5th June, '04. 216—Jno Scott 10th December, '03. 217—A J Hill, 22nd July, '03. 218—T Murphy, 14th September, '03; R Hueston, 21st July, '03; C H Noble, 19th November, '03; R H Donkin, 10th March, '04. 219—F D Reid, 4th November, '03; D Reid, 30th November, '03; E Brain, 23rd May, '04. 220—W Winfield, 31st January, '04; J Bullock, 3rd February, '04. 221—W T Fish, 4th February, '04; Jas. Walker, 14th August, '03; W Atkinson, 19th January, '04. 222—G B Bleeker, 9th July, '03; W E Gladney, 1st September, '02. 223—J C Griffith, 4th June, '04. 224—M Zeller, 23rd September, '03. 228—T J Mabee, 25th December, '03. 229—W Wilson, 25th April, '04. 230—E V Hanmer, '04. 233—A McLaughlin 27th September, '03; N A McKinnon, 27th September, '03. 235—W W Hogg. 236—Wm Stewart, 9th February, '04. 242—Jas Avery, 4th Jan., '03; A A Hogaboom, 23rd April, '03; A Scott, 29th December, '03. 245—W Watts, 16th February, '03; F J Lawrence, 29th March, '03; E S Williams, 28th May, '03. 247—J H Farr, 22nd February, '04; W M Matthews, 15th March, '04; E C Haines 5th May, '04. 249—A A Norton, 7th June, '04. 257—A E Taylor, 28th March, '04; W W Price, 9th March, '04. 258—A Farrow, 11th June, '04. 260—O Simmons, 13th November, '03; J Carson, 23rd April, '04; Thos Sanson, 29th February, '04. 262—P Clapp, 14th June '04. 264—J K Stewart, 25th October, '03. John Lynch, 24th December, '03; Jas Paterkin, 24th April, '04. 265—Hy. Horn, 13th August, '03; M White, 20th November, '03. 267—J H Terry, 15th November, '03; R N Rogers, 6th May, '04. 269—J H Pritchard, 7th March, '04. 270—Jas Carmichael, 14th June '03; Levi Arnot, 12th March, '04. 277—W Hutchison, 18th September, '03. 282—G W Atkinson, 11th November, '03. 284—Thos Oakley, 14th June, '04. 285—Jas Gilmore, 9th May, '04; E A Carroll, 11th June, '04. 286—Ed Dear, 14th April, '04. 290—P Martin, 26th November, '03; T Mills. 291—Jno Ireland, 3rd March, '04; J F Kemp, 30th March, '04. 296—L S Oille, 15th August, '03; Jas Reilly, 18th March, '03. 302—A Caghell, 29th July, '03; A G Else, 29th December, '03. 303—Jas Hill, 1st August, '03. 306—J Whitmore, 4th May, '04. 307—J W Stevens, 15th March, '04. 313—D Fraser, 14th January, '04. 316—C S Landon, John Pritchard, 320—W M Smith, 19th July, '04. 322—Wm M Matthews, 15th March, '04. 324—D M Oliver, 22nd September, '03. 326—Geo Hyslop, 25th July, '03; Geo Noble 28th November, '03; J W O'Hara, 24th January, '04; W M Angus, 14th March, '04. 329—D Hill, 22nd June, '04. 330—J Morrison, 6th April, '03; T H Davidson, 15th May, '03; P Toll, 11th September, '03; W A Wanless, 31st December, '03; G R Roughley, 10th May, '04. 333—M K Beaton, 25th October, '03. 336—J W O'Hara, 24th January, '04; A McTavish, 24 December, '03.

339—F J Crone, 27th June, '03; Wm Barrett, 11 February, '04. 343—T Vanberg, 26th November, '03; R Nicholl, 6 December, '03; P Wilson; J Johnston, 18th January, '04; R McClain, 4th March, '04; John Pritchard, March, '04. 344—J Capstick, 30th June, '03. 345—J Kernpham, 2nd January, '03; T McDougal, 30th November, '03. 348—A A Norton, 8th June, '04. 352—T McGowan, 27th June, '03. 354—Alex Urquhart, 29th December, '03. 358—H C Garnett, 8th November, '03. 367—Geo M McIntyre, 10th May, '04, F J Idenden, 29th June, '04. 367—W Horwood, 24th September, '03; F C Gassion, 5th January, '04; S Richardson, 12th September, '04. 368—G W Baker, 2nd September, '03; V H Moose, 8th June, '04. 369—A H Robinson, 29th September, '03; D M A derson, 13th December, '03; H T Ide, 17th January, '04. 372—P W Anthony, 5th December, '03; T G Stamp, 7th March, '04. 373—C A E W Clark, 5th April, '04. 374—Thos Blezard, 2nd December, '03; J Cumbertson Moffat. 376—S Ashworth, 22nd March, '04. 377—Thos Norton, 15th January, '04. 380—D Schwaitzer, 2th April, '03; J Burns, 18th March, '03; A G Hicks, 9th November, '03. 382—Wm. Harper, 26th March, '04. 383—John Wylie, 1st July, '03; E Biecum, 25th January, '04. 384—J A Hauber, 17th October, '03. 388—Jas Robson, 6th July, '04. 393—Westey Grey—394—T Vansone, 9th November, '03; E A Dundas, 15th December, '03. 396—R Davis, 22nd August, '03. 400—C E Culham, 5th July, '03. 401—T H Naismith, 13th September, '03; R A Brooks, 18th May, '04. 404—J M Parks, 17th February, '04. 405—J Spence, 3rd August, '02; T Bryant, 13th October, '03. 406—E R Edwards, 25th January, '04. 410—H C McKibbin, 6th November, '03; E H Holland, 6th March, '04; Wm Taylor, 23rd April, '04. 411—R S Lusty, 27th September, '02. 412—E Biggings, 10th July, '03; P C Campbell, 17th August, '03; W H Standish 17th September, '03. 413—C T Smith, 15th April, '03. 415—Jos Elms, 26th February, '04. 419—Wm Phibbs, 25th January, '04; Geo Shaw, 5th May, '04. 420—F S Harrison, 7th June, '04. 422—Chas E Bailey, 14th January, '04. 426—F P Gassion, 5th January, '04. 427—J S Miller, 24th March, '04. 428—T C Forman, 12th October, '04. 430—Geo L Davidson, 9th May, '04. 431—H Cargill, 2nd October, '03; A Flett, 22nd October, '03. 432—J W Stone, '03; G Landerkin, '03. 437—W F R Erighon, 18th January, '04; M McCann, 7th November, 1900; F Kittermaster, 18th January, '04. 438—W Kennedy, 25th January, '04; Samuel Herst, 29th June, '04. 440—W G Montgomery, 8th September, '03. 442 Wm Irving, 17th June, '04. 444—B F Madill, 16th September, '03. 446—R Mosher, 22nd March, '04. 447—Wm Boland, 29th December, '03. 448—Thos. Mills, 4th December, '03. 451—Thos White, 4th September, '03; J J Hunter, 23rd March, '04. 453—W Werten, 24th February, '04.

RESTORATIONS

No. 2—J W Burns, G B Wilson, J Simpson, J Redhead, J Drew, N Black, J C Garrett, A Ferry, E Wilcox. 3—A F McVety. 5—A H Swarts, A H Laughlin, J E Brown. 6—P Thomson, Wm Silver, Jr, Geo Koss. 7—H J Minkinnick. 9—J S Brandon. 14—Jas Bell, G Oliver, L Turabull. 16—H Plant. 17—H Walton. 18—C Atkins. 90 Wm Gerry. 21a—D McAlpine. 24—A S Wickwin. 26—S Milson. 27—Jos Braunum. 31—D B Fogg, Jno H Way. 32—W F Scott. 34—N Y Pickering. 35—Jas Stockton. 37—W W Marr, F Williams. 40—J Jeffs, A Slater. 41—H W Wagle. 43—W Dorrington, A McLay. 44—L W Morrison, F D Oatman, G L Frazer. 45—A T Watson. 47—J Skinner, J Reynolds, J McNally. 48—J N Clark. 52—S H Haycock. 55—E L Bowes. 56—Jas McKenzie. 61—G V Northey. 65—E Teagle. 68—J McKay, J H G Hallett. 69—Albert Chard. 74—W H Simpson, J G Murray. 75—W Sterling. 76—J M Whitlaw. 78—C W Hill. 79—F C Stevenson. 81—W H Smith, C N D Tilden, R Wooten, J Handy. 82—Alex Gowens. 83—W Findlay. 88—G A McKay, J H Notter. 91—W D Stanford, A McIntosh. 93—R Hunter, H Hurdon, Jno McCrimmon. 96—W S A Hartley, F Hornsby, A B Gillespie, A McAllister, W McKae. 98—J K McEwen, J Walker, J Judge, J York. 103—J S Bowman. 104—F Wm Stockton. 105—B Kennedy, M H Fielding. 106—R Johnson. 107—W R Dunn. 116—W J Smith. 121—J E Alford. 126—J Morrison. 133—E S Howard. 136—J R Hunter. 137—A Burritt. 144—C A Bean. 148—W R Riddell. 149—W R Reid. 154—E Tennant. 155—E DeLong. 156—C T Duke. 162—Geo Spotton. 168—H W Hobson, D Robins. D Evans, J H Bugar. 174—L W Brown, W McDonald, A A Ker. 190—Jas Flowers. 192—W A Sherwood, A Lushman, J E Smith, W H Miller. 196—E A Bates. 201—Jas S Watt. 207—R Bethune, J D Houston, J McKenzie. 209a—T Baxter. 209—Norman C Lloyd. 216—G B Moore. 218—T J Fitzsimmons. 220—W L Barton. 221—W H Durham. 231—Wm Moeser. 232—Wm. Buchanan. 233—W J Wilson. 236—Wm Stewart, W H Slight. 258—J Innes, S H Stevenson, C Raymond. 261—T M Whiteside. 262—J B Wilson. 264—J A Clark. 266—A L Murphy. 267—Jas Dodson. 270—O H Luke. 271—R H Galbraith, Alex Murdoch. 274—J L Best. 277—B Gregory, J Read, J Patterson, H Colvin, J G Demare, C A Wilson. 285—A A Burk. 286—O Cummings, A G McGregor. 287—Geo Mooring. 289—Geo Murch. 290—J Wilson, F Wilkinson, C H Quick, Fritchell. 291—Josh Wheeler, Josh Blowey. 302—Isaac Deyell. 304—R S Gilpin. 306—Jas Gallazer. 307—Christmas Watts. 312—W H Clutterbuck, G R Pierce. 320—J K Meredith. 323—Chas B Latta.

326—A G McKenny. 330—H A Duggan. 332—H W Capus. 333—Wm J Martin. 336—Thos A Peets. 339—W Russell, T M Whitesides, G Greenwood. 345—Wm Drucan. 346—H McWhirter, Jas Shaw. 348—P A Gillespie, J J Whalen. 368—G J Miller, J S Stewart. 369—J R Berry. 377—T J Patton, Wm McKee. 378—S P Hopper. 384—F W Smith. 394—M Day. 400—W J Breckon, E J Walsh. 401—E R Chapman, J Whitton. 413—A J Duncan. 415—L L Peltier, C P Rapelge, W W Harrison, A E Ratlidge. 416—D N Armstrong. 418—A A Urquhart, P D McGregor, W A Munro, P J McEwan, H Samuel, S Henry, H McLean, Wm Hill. 423—S Orchard, H Hall, David Wilson, Jno Cavanna. 427—Jas Burton. 430—Robt Ma'colm, Wm Moore. 434—Jas. Nelson. 438—W Wrigley.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

ALBERT MUNSON

Past Master of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London ;
P.D.D.G. M. London District, No. 3.

Died 2nd March, 1904.

Right Worshipful Brother

HON. GEORGE LANDERKIN

Past Master of Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover ;
P.D.D.G.M. North Huron District, No. 5.

Died 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother

DEWITT H. MARTYN

Past Master of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine ;
P.D.D.G.M. of North Huron District, No. 5.

Died 19th July, 1903.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM McDONALD

Past Master of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg;
P.D.D.G.M. Wilson District, No. 6.

Died 17th December, 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother

J. C. MOFFATT

Past Master of Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood;
D.D.G.M. Ontario District, No. 12.

Died 1904.

Right Worshipful Brother

J. W. O'HARA

Past Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto;
Past Grand Registrar.

Died 24th January, 1904.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

FORSHAW DAY

Past Grand Steward.

Died 22nd July, 1903.

Very Worshipful Brother

PETER TOLL

Past Master Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 11th September, 1903.

Very Worshipful Brother

JOHN F. LASH

Past Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto;
Past Grand Senior Deacon.

Died 26th March, 1904.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

DANIEL ROSE

Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 9th May, 1904.

Very Worshipful Brother

W. H. ADAMS

Belleville.

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Died 1904.

Very Worshipful Brother

ED. BIGGINS

Past Master of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault. Ste. Marie;
Past Grand Steward.

Died 10th July, 1903.

SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Receipts from Lodges to Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M. W. SIR,—I herewith submit a statement of moneys received during the year up to 14th July, 1904, on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and which is now standing in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, to the credit of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario, Special Benevolent Fund.

DATE.	NO.	NAME AND PLACE OF LODGE.	AMOUNT
1903			
Feb'y 16		Cash received from Grand Master from :	
	254	Clifton, Niagara Falls	\$ 22 70
	113	Wilson, Waterford	3 00
July 8	404	Lorne, Tamworth	15 00
" 18	113	Wilson, Waterford	84 00
" 23	155	Peterborough, Peterborough	3 00
Oct. 15	406	The Spry, Fenelon Falls	40 00
" 19	433	Bonnechere, Eganville	23 00
" 21	297	Preston, Preston	26 00
" 21	405	Mattawa, Mattawa	20 00
" 22	441	Westport, Westport	18 00
" 29	297	Preston, Preston	1 00
" 30	297	Preston, Preston	11 00
Nov. 4	297	Preston, Preston	1 00
" 6	21a	St. John's, Vankleek Hill	21 00
" 6	93	Northern Light, Kincardine	81 00
" 10	119	Maple Leaf, Bath	30 00
" 10	286	Wingham, Wingham	73 00
" 16	155	Peterborough, Peterborough	27 00
" 16	458	Wales, Wales	38 00
" 16	3	Ancient St. John's, Kingston	50 00
Dec. 3	63	St. John's, Carleton Place	40 00
" 4	21a	St. John's, Vankleek Hill	1 00
" 7	159	Goodwood, Richmond	32 00
" 14	421	Scott, Grand Valley	50 00
" 14		D.G.M., Dis. 14, bal. collection for regalia	1 50
" 15	201	Leeds, Gananoque	93 00
" 22	147	Mississippi, Almonte	35 00
" 26	231	Fidelity, Ottawa	9 00
" 29	110	Central, Prescott	50 00
1904			
Jan. 2	449	Dundalk, Dundalk	12 00
" 6	92	Cataraqui, Kingston	124 00
" 6	459	Cobden, Cobden	26 00
" 12	88	St. George, Owen Sound (A.M. Cunningham)	1 00

Jan.	23	77	Faithful Brethren, Lindsay	105 00
"	29	131	St. Lawrence, Southampton	12 00
"	29	306	Durham, Durham	23 00
Feb'y	8	155	Peterborough, Peterborough	38 00
"	26	203	Irvine, Elora	20 00
Mar.	9	427	Nickel, Sudbury	69 00
"	11	3	Ancient St. John's, Kingston	50 00
"	14	97	Sharon, Sharon	30 00
"	14	449	Dundalk, Dundalk	7 00
"	15	133	Lebanon Forest, Exeter	70 00
"	15	125	Cornwall, Cornwall	66 00
"	17	396	Cedar, Wiarton	80 00
"	19	346	Occident, Toronto	35 75
"	19		Interest on deposit to 30th Nov., 1903	1 91
April	5	157	Simpson, Newboro (B. Tett)	5 00
"	5	333	Prince Arthur, Flesherton	60 00
"	11	231	Fidelity, Ottawa	4 00
"	18		F. H. Torrington, Toronto	1 00
"	26	223	Norwood, Norwood	49 00
"	30	101	Corinthian, Peterborough	116 00
May	2	331	Fordwich, Fordwich	28 00
"	4	446	Granite, Fort Frances	80 25
"	5		Wm. McKean, Preston	1 00
"	5		D. B. Miller, Preston, personal subscription	14 00
"	9	9	Union, Napanee	14 00
"	11	348	Georgian, Penetanguishine	40 00
"	11	77	Faithful Brethren, Lindsay	34 00
"	18		H. M. H. A., dividend on five shares stock	4 00
"	18	234	Beaver, Clarksburg	40 00
"	19	372	Palmer, Bridgeburg	52 00
"	20		Bro. Fraser, St. Thomas	1 00
"	23	155	Peterborough, Peterborough	24 00
"	26	127	Franck, Frankfort	29 00
"	26	17	St. John's, Cobourg	6 00
"	26	434	Algonquin, Elmsdale	10 00
"	28	U.D.	North Entrance, Haliburton	27 00
"	28	216	Harris, Orangeville	110 00
"	31	303	Irvine, Elora	1 00
"	31		Interest on deposit to date	18 56
June	1	409	Golden Rule, Gravenhurst	32 00
"	1	295	Conestogo, Drayton	16 00
"	1	456	Elma, Monkton	23 00
"	1	237	Vienna, Vienna	25 00
"	2	347	Mercer, Fergus	25 00
"	2	364	Dufferin, Melbourne	5 00
"	2	451	Somerville, Kinmount	45 00
"	2	334	Prince Arthur, Arthur	16 00
"	2	454	Corona, Burk's Falls	29 00
"	2	304	Minerva, Stroud	5 00
"	2	338	Dufferin, Wellandport	7 00
"	4	433	Bonnechere, Eganville	12 00
"	6	3	Ancient St. John's, Kingston	30 00
"	8	332	Stratford, Stratford	82 00
"	8	228	Prince Arthur, Odessa	39 00
"	8	U.D.	Rideau, Seeley's Bay	20 00
"	9	6	Barton, Hamilton	16 00

June	10	253	Minden, Kingston.....	85 00
"	13	405	Mattawa, Mattawa.....	50 00
"	14	306	Durham, Durham.....	2 00
"	14	323	Alviston, Alviston.....	21 00
"	15	165	Burlington, Burlington.....	6 00
"	16	406	The Spry, Fenelon Falls.....	14 00
"	17	61	Acacia, Hamilton.....	150 00
"	18	440	Arcadia, Minden.....	55 00
"	20	63	St. John's, Carleton Place.....	56 00
"	21	64	Kilwinning, London.....	43 00
"	21	69	Stirling, Stirling.....	5 00
"	21	283	Eureka, Belleville (F. D. Diamond).....	3 00
"	23	352	Granite, Parry Sound.....	55 00
"	24	31	Jerusalem, Bowmanville.....	42 00
"	24	376	Unity, Huntsville.....	34 00
"	24	127	Franck, Frankford.....	2 00
"	24	3	Ancient St. John's, Kingston.....	10 00
"	25	423	Strong, Sundridge.....	22 00
"	26	443	Powassen, Powassen.....	26 00
"	26	56	Victoria, Sarnia.....	74 00
"	26	155	Peterborough, Peterborough.....	40 00
"	26	216	Harris, Orangeville.....	25 00
"	28	389	Crystal Fountain, N. Augusta.....	26 00
"	28	15	St. George's, St. Catharines.....	20 00
"	28	427	Nickel, Sudbury.....	8 00
"	28	230	Kerr, Barrie.....	16 00
"	28	333	Prince Arthur, Flesherton.....	3 00
"	28	218	Stevenson, Toronto.....	34 00
"	28	313	Clementi, Lakefield.....	27 00
"	28	346	Occident, Toronto.....	19 00
"	28	109	Albion, Harrowsmith.....	19 00
"	29	104	St John's, Norwich.....	30 00
"	29	404	Lorne, Tamsworth.....	18 00
"	29	5	Sussex, Brockville.....	91 00
"	29	18	Prince Edward, Picton.....	32 00
"	29	197	Saugeen, Walkerton.....	22 00
"	30	441	Westport, Westport.....	2 00
"	30	136	Richardson, Stouffville.....	5 00
"	30	14	True Britons, Perth.....	10 00
"	30	384	Alpha, Toronto.....	60 00
July	2	155	Peterborough, Peterborough.....	8 00
"	2	271	Wellington, Erin.....	20 00
"	2	212	Elysian, Garden Island.....	16 00
"	4	458	Wales, Wales.....	47 00
"	4	396	Cedar, Wiarton.....	8 00
"	5	32	Amity, Dunville.....	20 00
"	5	103	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.....	2 00
"	6	405	Mattawa, Mattawa.....	8 00
"	6	291	Dufferin, W. Flamboro'.....	8 00
"	6	410	Zeta, Toronto.....	50 20
"	6	74	St. James', Maitland.....	13 00
"	6	97	Sharon, Sharon.....	3 00
"	7	257	Galt, Galt.....	55 00
"	7	432	Hanover, Hanover.....	34 00
"	7	U.D.	Temiscaming, New Liskeard.....	4 00
"	7	408	Murray, Beaverton.....	23 00

July	7	62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia	13 00
"	7	92	Cataraqui, Kingston.....	14 00
"	7	450	Hawksbury, Hawksbury.....	18 00
"	8	122	Renfrew, Renfrew.....	66 50
"	8	166	Wentworth, Stoney Creek	15 00
"	9	287	Shuniah, Port Arthur	34 00
"	9	290	Leamington, Leamington	108 85
"	11	140	Malahide, Aylmer.....	38 00
"	11	398	Victoria, Kirkfield	14 00
"	11	231	Fidelity, Ottawa.....	2 00
"	12	314	Blair, Palmerston	31 00
"	12	368	Salem, Brockville.....	35 00
"	13	141	Tudor, Mitchell....	45 00
"	13	25	Ionic, Toronto	56 00
"	13	330	Corinthian, London	31 00
"	13	2	Niagara, Niagara	20 00
"	13	148	Civil Service, Ottawa.....	5 00
"	14	429	Port Elgin, Port Elgin.....	26 00

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No. 247, Ashler, Toronto.....\$142 83

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" J. J. Thompson.....	Toronto.....	Toronto East	"	12
" P. H. Punshon.....	Oshawa	Ontario	"	13
" J. E. Helliwell.....	Stirling	Prince Edward	"	14
" J. A. Minnes.....	Kingston.....	Frontenac	"	15
" G. B. Magee	Merrickville.....	St. Lawrence	"	16
" S. A. Luke.....	Ottawa	Ottawa	"	17
" W. A. Weir.....	Rat Portage.....	Algoma	"	18
" M. McFadden.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Nipissing	"	19
" W. W. McPhee.....	Gravenhurst	Muskoka	"	20
" Alex. A. Smith.....	Millbrook	Otonabee	"	21
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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1904

Report on Correspondence

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada:

The Committee on Correspondence present herewith the twenty-second report prepared by the present Chairman for the Grand Lodge. The first was in 1873, and they were continued until and including 1878, when they were discontinued. They were resumed in 1889.

The number and importance of the extracts we have felt compelled to make have prevented any extensive comments upon the various interesting matters appearing in the proceedings of other Grand Lodges without encroaching too much on the limited space at our disposal.

The general outlook is that of harmony and prosperity. There are differences upon what may be called academic questions, and there are also different ways of administration, but all are united in motive, especially in the practical and benevolent work of the Craft. Some have magnificent Homes for the Aged, the Widows and the Orphans. Others have the Cottage Home system, others the payment of annuities, and all contribute largely of their means to the relief of distress as occasion requires.

The perusal alone of the many thousands of pages of the proceedings of over sixty Grand Lodges is no light task, and the discrimination necessary in making the most suitable selections requires the most careful attention. We hope that our readers will find both profit and pleasure from the association of ideas which we have placed under contribution.

ALABAMA.

83rd Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 1, 1903.

Robert J. Redden, G. M.

The Craft in Alabama has kept pace with the great advance in commercial and other interests, and is now more

prosperous than at any former period of its long history. Dispensations were issued for 13 new lodges and three others were revived.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

It was decided that the Grand Lodge should join the Corresponding Circle of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati in London.

The increase in Grand Lodge dues from 50 cents to \$1.50, for the purpose of raising funds to build a Masonic Home was again defeated in the Lodges. This, however, only implies a difference of opinion as to the best way of administering Masonic charity. That our Alabama brethren are fully imbued with true Masonic principles is evidenced by the following extract from one of the reports:

Anna Norton Lodge No. 569 has a Widows' and Orphans' Home in practical operation nearly two years, but it is not publicly known as such. The Lodge owns the ground and has erected a comfortable home for an aged widow and orphan daughter of a deceased M. M., whose own Lodge fails to assist them. The house is paid for, and the Lodge allows the widow and orphan to use the home free of rent, as well as furnishing them with provisions free of charge. Such is a practical exemplification of Free Masonry.

Canada for 1902 receives fraternal mention at the hands of the Correspondence Chairman, Bro. Wm. Y. Titcomb.

Lodges, 412; members, 14,340; increase, 846.

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We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Masonic Manual of Alabama, very nicely gotten up and well bound.

ARIZONA.

22nd Communication, Phoenix, Nov. 10, 1903.

Francis M. Zuck, G. M.

During his lodge visitations he met some Canadians, whose fraternal spirit rejoiced him exceedingly. He refused to allow a lodge to lay the foundation of a Methodist Church on a Sunday. His zeal and fidelity in the discharge of his manifold duties won deserved encomiums. The condition of the Craft is prosperous and harmony prevails.

The Grand Lodge denounced the formation of lodges

in Texas by some of the numerous Grand Lodges of Mexico.

The Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Egypt were recognized, and the application from Brazil was deferred.

The Grand Lodge did not agree with the Grand Master in his decision on Sunday performances. We agree with the Grand Master.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the following regulation be and is hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge as its definition of eligibility: "The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man; no woman or eunuch; free born, being neither a slave nor the son of a bond woman; a believer in God and a future existence; of moral conduct; capable of reading and writing; having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art. and physically able to conform literally to what the several degrees, respectively, require of him."

In his review of Canada for 1902, Bro. Charles D. Belden has the following comment, which appears to be quite justifiable:

There were the usual number of dignitaries and other members present (in all, 688 recorded as in attendance), but again our commissioned Grand Representative failed to do his duty, so far as Arizona is concerned, and if he is not willing to represent us at the sessions of the Grand Lodge, he can easily escape being found fault with by resigning and permitting Arizona's colors to be borne by some more zealous brother.

Lodges, 19; members, 1,123; increase, 100.

James S. Cromb (Clifton), G. M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

32nd Communication, Vancouver, June 18, 1903.

E. E. Chipman, G. M.

The Grand Master devoted himself assiduously to the duties of his office. His address gives ample evidence of a praiseworthy attention to the welfare of the Craft. He granted dispensations for new lodges at Grand Forks, Windermere and Trout Lake City. He visited extensively, and reports the Craft in good condition, and harmony prevailing. On foreign relations, he says:

I am pleased to say that the amicable and friendly relations between our own and other Grand Jurisdictions, with which we hold fraternal intercourse, are undisturbed, and the utmost harmony prevails.

The difficulties which have so long existed between this

Grand Lodge and that of Canada, are, I believe, agreeably settled, not only to both Grand Lodges, but to the Subordinate Lodges of their obedience.

In the case of Bro. George H. Keyes, of Nelson, who was initiated in North Star Lodge, No. 322, G. R. C., I am able to say that the apology of North Star Lodge was accepted by Nelson Lodge, No. 23, as entirely satisfactory, and Bro. Keyes has received the M. M. degree in Nelson Lodge.

In the case of Bro. John Phillips, of Rossland, who while on a temporary visit to Toronto was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by St. George's Lodge, No. 376, of the Grand Registry of Canada, the difficulty has been adjusted, and Bro. Phillips has received the F. C. and M. M. degrees in Corinthian Lodge, No. 27, at Rossland.

The circumstances in the last case were of a peculiar character. The brethren of Corinthian Lodge felt, and I think rightly, that they had a just grievance against St. George's Lodge for their lax methods in accepting candidates for initiation without due investigation. On the other hand, after a careful personal investigation of the whole matter, I am forced to the conclusion that individual brethren of Rossland made statements concerning Bro. Phillips, that afterwards, because of the circumstances, and, perhaps, of the neighborly relations that may have existed between themselves and the accused, they were unwilling to substantiate upon investigation. I am convinced that the members of Corinthian Lodge felt that they were justified in making the charges they did. After the investigation was over they came to realize fully that they were responsible for what may have been only street gossip; and to promote harmony between the two jurisdictions they generously and fraternally accepted the apology tendered by St. George's Lodge. At the same time they felt they could not accept any remuneration from St. George's Lodge, or any other, for their courtesy in conferring degrees at the request of a sister Lodge. Therefore, they desired me to have the tendered fee of \$30.000 returned to the Grand Lodge of Canada. The amount was remitted to the Grand Secretary of that Jurisdiction on the 9th of May last, and I trust that the difficulty is now settled. But incidents of this kind are only of value to our lodges if the lesson derived from them is of service in the future. It is earnestly hoped that brethren will guard against making allegations that they are not prepared to substantiate under all circumstances; and that Lodges, not only in this but in all Jurisdictions, will exercise more care in accepting material.

The Grand Historian, Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, has made considerable progress with his history of the Craft in British Columbia. He moved the Grand Lodge library from Victoria to Vancouver, where it has been suitably accommodated. They have a complete set of the transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati in 15 volumes.

A revised Constitution was adopted.

Bro. DeWolf Smith is also Chairman of Correspond-

ence, and his report this year is excellent as usual. Canada for 1902 has a good notice.

Lodges, 36; members, 2,473; increase, 278.

Rev. C. Ensor Sharp (Esquimalt), G. M.

Robert E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

54th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 13, 1903.

Orrin S. Henderson, G. M.

The Grand Master travelled nearly 23,000 miles visiting 120 places within the State. Four of their lodges are in the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands. Eight new lodges were opened. A case of interference by the Roman Catholic Church is thus noted:

Only once has the voice of Church been raised against us, and that at Santa Rosa, where, in spite of priest-protesting, was laid the corner-stone of the Carnegie Free Public Library.

This protest, ill-advised, seemed but to inspire and unite the brethren of this section. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, we are told, was there such a gathering, seemingly bent on protesting, by their presence, against such an unwarranted attack as was made against our Fraternity through the public press. How any one claiming to wear the holiness of the great Divinity as a true servant of the Master, can hold such thoughts within his breast as were put forth in the attack upon us in this twentieth century, is more than we can conceive.

We do not claim to be a religious body; but we do claim that Masonry is the hand-maiden of religion, and that so long as we continue to base our foundation upon and work with the holy bible as the rule and guide of our faith we will ever continue to exist; and that no attack by any man or set of men, be they priests or laymen, kings or peasants, or what not, will ever shake us from our foundations.

The placing of the ritual in the hands of a committee of three has brought out a uniformity never before attained.

The Grand Master recommended that the dues in lodges should not be less than \$6 per year. The Grand Lodge dues and Home dues take \$1.95. He also thinks that the minimum fee for initiation should be raised to the old sum of \$50. Some of the lodges make the fee \$100.

Bro. Morris Siminoff presented a \$30,000 building to the Home.

On the duties of Masters the Grand Master says:

Many Masters of Lodges have the false impression, as well as do the Inspectors, that it is dangerous to praise their offi-

cers, believing that they will get too smart, but the fact is the reverse. Nothing to our mind will ever suppress so effectually the spontaneity in Lodge service as lack of appreciation and perpetual fault finding.

You cannot use your officers as safety valves to vent the spleen of your dyspeptic moods, and then expect of them a manifestation of just the opposite qualities. Like produces like.

The majority of your members and officers will be kind and considerate, if you are kind, sympathetic and helpful.

It is encouragement, praise, helpful sympathy and a real interest in the welfare of your members that calls out enthusiasm, interest in the Lodge and a feeling that they are largely responsible for your success or failure as a Master.

You can get spontaneous service and desire to help you and the Lodge in season and out of season, and they will give you no trouble, only help.

You cannot possibly be "Master" in all the name implies without the giving to all of a chance to help you to be "Master."

You must have the unstinted confluence and the loving service of all your officers and members, so that they are always ready to help you, and thus the Lodge, in every way possible.

Thus they feel that they are indeed sharers of your triumphs. They will regret with you, and be as sensitive as you at any little thing that may trouble you or the Lodge, and help you straighten it out instead of adding to your embarrassment.

Such an attitude you can develop. Meanness or smallness will not call it out; selfishness cannot command it.

It is purely voluntary, rising from consciousness of kindness and nobility in yourself.

There is never a time during a Master's reign when he can afford to be less cautious, careful and vigilant than at any other time.

It is the part of a good Master or other officer to exercise his faculties to the utmost at all times and under all circumstances, to show the best possible results in his or their Lodge. Keep to the "razor edge."

Their Masonic Home has 109 inmates, maintained at a cost of nearly \$18 per month each. This is rather large, but they have the best of everything.

From the report on the address we extract the following:

Mirabile dictu! For the first time, we believe, in the history of this Grand Lodge, no decisions are reported. Past Grand Master Angellotti and his confreres on the Jurisprudence Committee ought to rejoice; and so ought we, all of us. This is a healthful indication. Masters of Lodges are waking up to realize that something more than the ability to mouth the ritual is required to constitute one a capable and efficient Master. * * * * *

All honor to our noble Bro. Siminoff! Humanity will hail him blessed. Abou Ben Adam-like, he loves his fellow men.

May the Temple erected by his munificence not only serve to perpetuate his name, but may induce others with like nobility of character to go and do likewise.

The Grand Orator took for his text, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity." The opening paragraphs are as follows:

"The number three," we are told, alludes to the three great Lights of Masonry, the three Degrees of Masonry, and the three principal officers of the Lodge."

In Masonry and in the universe the number "three" has a far deeper significance, and on all sides do we encounter the mystic triune qualities of three in one. Nature itself is made up of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms, and immortal man, the crowning work of creation, is formed of body, mind and soul.

The number "three" was the sacred number of the Hindoos, the Egyptians and the Greeks, and throughout the civilized world to-day, and for nineteen hundred years, the Holy Trinity is, and has been, the hallowed essence of the greatest religion ever professed among the race of men.

In Freemasonry "three" is the most mystical of its numbers, in all the rites, no matter how many added grades of degrees there may be, the "symbolic three" always lie at the foundation; in all the degrees there are the three principal officers, the three great supports, the three greater and the three lesser lights. The ornaments of a Lodge are three, the lights are three—the movable jewels and the immovable jewels are three each. The principal orders of architecture are three; and of the Fellowcraft it may be stated that his working tools are three, his wages threefold, and the "attentive ear," the "instructive tongue" and the "faithful breast," his three precious jewels.

The principal tenets of Freemasonry are three, and the rounds of the ladder which Jacob in his vision saw reaching from earth to heaven (a Masonic symbol) are likewise three, and the triangle—a combination of three—is the most generally diffused and the most significant of all the Masonic symbols. The right-angled triangle, upon which rests the 47th problem of Euclid, one of our emblems, symbolizes, as we know, universal nature, and the equilateral triangle is found everywhere in Ancient Craft and York Masonry, and in the Ineffable Degrees of the Scottish Rite constitutes the Sacred Delta, and symbolizes Deity with the threefold attributes of Deity—Omniscience, Omnipresence and Omnipotence.

The minimum dues were fixed at \$6.00 per year.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 284; members, 27,078; increase, 2,343.

Charles W. Nutting (Etna Mills), G. M.

William A. Davies (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

43rd Communication, Denver, September 15, 1903.

Marshall H. Dean, G. M.

He reports a year of great prosperity.

Out of 25 living Past Grand Masters, 23 were present, which certainly constitutes a record. A fine group photograph was taken, which will be of great historical interest.

New lodges were opened at Fowler, Kiowa and Denver.

The Grand Master very properly refused to lay the corner-stone of a sugar-beet factory.

In the conclusion of his address Bro. Dean says:

The prosperity of the State during the year has also been unexampled, save for a small cloud of unrest among some of our toilers.

I firmly believe our noble Fraternity will always be a strong bulwark for lawful authority and strict obedience to the laws of the land and a great leaven to teach all men the true principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, and that toleration, mutual concessions, an earnest determination to be just, a proper conception of man's duty to man will bring all classes of workers and citizens of the State and Nation more closely together in the bonds of friendship and fraternity, with a full realization of how much we are dependent upon each other for our well being, as well as upon the Great Creator for his manifold blessings.

The business was chiefly local in interest.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 101; members, 10,001; increase, 569.

James R. Killian (Denver), G. M.

William D. Todd (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

116th Communication, Hartford, January 20, 1904.

Leon M. Woodford, G. M.

The Craft is prosperous and harmony prevails throughout. A marked increase in membership is noted. Levity in the work has been abolished.

The "Grand Master's Day" at the Masonic Home was a great success. The Home has 62 inmates, and the cost of maintenance was nearly forty-five cents per day for each inmate.

Bro. John H. Barlow again reports on Correspondence in his usual entertaining manner. He reviews Canada for 1903. On the use of the robes in the degrees he says:

We have witnessed the degrees conferred in their simplicity, so called, which generally means omitting and abbreviating all that is possible. We have also seen the degrees conferred by the use of the robes and a well drilled corps of officers. The wise, serious and solemn truths were much better impressed upon our minds, and, we think, that of the candidate, in the latter case than in the former. There seems to us also more of that inspiration that proceeds from the heart. This, like any other, may be carried to excess, and become idle and meaningless.

Lodges, 110; members, 19,047; increase, 526.

George E. Parsons (Norwich), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

COSTA RICA.

Quarterly Communicaion, San Jose, Feb. 28, 1902.

It was resolved that Grand and ex-Grand Officers should forfeit their membership in Grand Lodge should they remain unaffiliated with a lodge in this jurisdiction for a term exceeding 90 days.

May 30th, 1902.

A fund was ordered to be raised for the relief of the sufferers in Guatemala by the recent earthquakes.

Grand Honors were accorded to the Grand Master, Mora, on the occasion of his recent preferment to the post of Governor of the canton of San Jose.

August 29th, 1902.

A proposition from a lodge that Grand Lodge pay the salary of a professor to give lectures on the Duty of Man at the night school for adults was laid over.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of England was received.

November 28, 1902.

Recognition by the Grand Lodge of Ireland was received.

Annual Communication, San Jose, January 30, 1903.

Ric. Mora F., G. M.

In his address the Grand Master says that their progress has been steady and the lodges have greatly improved their position. Recognitions were obtained from 21 more Grand Lodges, making the total at that time 35. On the Grand Orient of Belgium he says:

I take this opportunity of advising you that in consequence of doubts suggested by the perusal of the official Bulletin of that Grand Orient our Grand Sec. applied to that Body for categorical replies to the following questions:

(1) Does your Grand Body exact of its Constituent Lodges that they require of their candidates a belief in the G. A. O. T. U. ?

(2) Does your Grand Body prescribe that the V. of the S. L. must be present to render the work of a Lodge valid ?

(3) Does your Grand Body require that the OB. in all three degrees be administered on the V. of the S. L. ?

No answer having yet been received the letter has been repeated.

We also copy his remarks on the Supreme Council of Central America:

It is greatly to be deplored that amongst those of the same family—for whatever our clime Freemasons may truly so describe themselves—there should at times be heard a discordant note: it but remains for us to follow our precepts and remember that these differences, though they disturb, do not destroy that great bond of union which is the mainspring of our noble Institution—Fraternal Love.

As you are already aware, the Supreme Council of Central America have attempted to place difficulties in our path, although the brethren of Costa Rica have but acted strictly within their Masonic rights. In spite of our courteous efforts to place that Body in full possession of the circumstances surrounding the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, as communicated to them through their delegate in this country, Bro. Man. Aragon, by M. W. Gr. Master Bro. Gen. Rucavado in his letter of July 12, 1900, the Sup. Coun. have ignored with persistent discourtesy the existence of that communication and I have therefore been compelled to advise their present delegate, Bro. Alej. Alvarado, that for this reason no adjustment of our relations can at present be contemplated.

The monies claimed by the Supreme Council were, it appears, by the authority of the Supreme Council itself, retained in Costa Rica for the purpose of providing necessary adjuncts for the lodge rooms.

Lodges, 6; members, 187.

John M. Keith (San Jose), G. M.

Edmund A. Osborne (San Jose), G. S.

CUBA.

Annual Communication, Havana, March 22, 1903.

These proceedings are in Spanish, but the address of the Grand Master, Jose F. Pellon, is also given in English. Ten new lodges were formed. We quote as follows:

Aside from that sad event, we Masons have reason to be satisfied with the year just expired. The Grand Lodge has seen the number of its constituent Lodges increase; the clandestine groups have almost completely disappeared; the economic situation of this Grand Lodge shows to-day greater prosperity than ever before in its history, already quite long, and we are thus entitled to hope that our ardent desire, coupled with imperative necessity, for our Grand Lodge possess-
its own temple in its own edifice may not remain a vain

aspiration, but that a temple be ours that may stand as the graphic and tangible exponent of Freemasonry in Cuba: a structure that by its mere aspect may remind the visiting stranger, of whom Havana sees large numbers each year, that our Republic harbors the same institution of which he is a member, be it in Pennsylvania or in Scotland or elsewhere, and that its members are possessed of the same enthusiasm, fervor, aspirations and tendencies as he is. * * *

Luz de Palmira Lodge, no doubt moved by generous patriotic impulses and responding to a wide-spread clamor, addressed a note to the Grand Master, urging him to appeal to the Grand Lodges of the United States, in order that they might bring their influence to bear with the United States Government in favor of tariff reduction of 50 per cent. on Cuban products. With the regret that the denial of any request made by my brother Masons causes me, I answered as follows: "May Luz de Palmira Lodge know that, though recognizing its good intentions, the Grand Master neither can nor should accede to the petition sent him in the form of a circular letter, for the matter therein alluded to is one that does not come within the scope of Masonic labors."

Canada appears in the report on Foreign Relations.

Lodges, 53; members, 2,256; increase, 357.

Jose F. Pellon (Cienfuegos), G. M.

Aurelio Miranda (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

97th Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 7, 1903.

Harry J. Guthrie, G. M.

In the opening paragraphs of the address, the Grand Master discourses eloquently on the beauties of the Craft:

A partial survey of the Universal Craft discloses a countless host of brethren, the noblest legion in all the world, welded together in the bonds of Love and Truth, moving forward fearlessly and majestically, having for their supreme object the suppression of wrong and the promulgation of the doctrines of Peace and Goodwill to all mankind, while the agents of Falsehood, Ignorance and Superstition waste their energies in condemning us and our system, the ancient and honorable institution moves noiselessly along, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, binding up the wounds of the afflicted, leading the blind and making crooked paths straight. I am persuaded the world at large is realizing more and more as time passes the great moral force of Masonry. The spirit of brotherly love has been made manifest by its teachings and practice. Friendship has become more than a name under its influence, and Morality finds in it a most zealous support. The history of Masonry is replete with beauty, but it is the practical working out of the theory in our deeds of kindness and acts of love which gives it life and makes it a power for good. Brethren, let us raise our voices in praise to the Great Architect of the Universe for his bounty and goodness, and for the privilege we have enjoyed in having a part in the

execution of the designs laid down upon the trestle board of life. Though in ages past skilled workmen gave to the world an edifice, spacious and magnificent in all its proportions, tradition informs us that it escaped not the ravages of barbarous force, we of to-day their successors, in a speculative sense are just as busy in the noble and glorious work of constructing the temple of character that will stand the test of eternity.

Their centennial will occur in 1906, and the committee have the matter of the celebration well in hand.

The lodges are in excellent condition.

A committee was appointed to prepare a plan for the formation of a State Joint Board of Relief.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Lewis H. Jackson, and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 22; members, 2,504; increase, 71.

Charles H. Maull (Lewes), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

93rd Communication, Washington, December 16, 1903.

George H. Walker, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. Noble D. Larner, P. G. M., who for 40 years was a most prominent figure in every department of Masonry.

The Grand Master made the customary visitation to all the lodges, at each of which a pleasing program of entertainment was provided.

The following suggestion was made by the Grand Master:

The brethren of this jurisdiction are second to none in point of intelligence and ability to conduct the affairs of a Lodge, but mistakes are sometimes made. It has been suggested to me as a wise plan that a lecture on Masonic jurisprudence and procedure might be delivered at the opening of each year for the benefit of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges. There are many trifling things respecting our customs and usages that are not fully set forth or explained in Masonic literature but which an intelligent brother could elucidate in a brief lecture and better equip the officers of the Lodges for the duties they would be called upon to perform. It might be introduced as a feature of the School of Instruction conducted by the Grand Lecturer. Some expense would perhaps be called for to introduce such a feature, but it would not be much, and the money would be expended for a purpose intended to be of lasting value to the Fraternity.

The following report was adopted:

At the communication of the Grand Lodge on September 26

last, the Committee on Work and Lectures was directed to prepare a short form for use in the preparation of candidates.

In compliance therewith, the committee submit the following for consideration:

1. During the preparation of the candidate only the Stewards should be in the preparation room with him.

2. Before the candidate is prepared for initiation, the Master, or some brother designated by him for the purpose, will address him as follows:

Our ancient and honorable Fraternity welcomes to her doors and admits to her privileges worthy men of all creeds and of every race, but she insists that all men shall stand upon an exact equality, and receive her instructions in a spirit of due humility. With this end in view, the Lodge into which you are now to be admitted expects you to divest yourself of all those worldly distinctions and equipments which are not in keeping with the humble and reverent attitude it is now your duty to assume, as all have done who have gone this way before you. * * *

A new Constitution was adopted, involving many changes.

An application to establish a lodge at Tientsin, China, was declined.

In his review of Canada for 1902, Bro. Charles D. Bel-says:

Much space is taken up in the report of finances, giving items of expenditures in great detail. The payments of the Grand Treasurer on account of benevolence alone amounted to \$11,880. The liberality of British Freemasonry is evidence of its intense earnestness. It is not a debating society, nor a school for oratory, but a fraternity for acts, which are always more potent than words.

Bro. Baird is not in favor of the installation of lodge officers in public. It is impossible here, because some of the esoteric work is used in the ceremony.

Lodges, 26; members, 7,064; increase, 353.

James A. Wetmore (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

Quarterly Communication, June 3, 1903.

The Board of General Purposes reported the issuance of a circular to the lodges, very strongly worded, against the improper and unauthorized publication of Masonic matter in newspapers.

Quarterly Communication, December 2, 1903.

An important amendment to the Constitution was made by which all Wardens are excluded from attending Grand Lodge, the representation being confined to Mas-

ters and Past Masters from and after the 1st of March, 1906. The reason of this was the limited space in Freemasons' Hall. The hall will seat only 600, and they have on an average 50 new lodges each year, making 150 additional representatives, so they either had to enlarge the building or decrease the attendance, and the enlargement of the building seemed to be impossible.

Quarterly Communication, London, March 2, 1904.

The Earl Amhurst, Pro. Grand Master, presiding.

In the report of the Board we find the following:

The Board begs to report that on reconsidering the recommendation to alter the Book of Constitutions, so as to exclude Wardens from membership of Grand Lodge, it does not propose to proceed further in the matter at present.

In compliance with the direction from Grand Lodge to take into consideration the numerous infractions of Rule 205, Book of Constitution, as to the publication of matters "improper to be published," the Board has enquired into several complaints made. In one case a brother who had advertised his intention to publish a book containing such matters, gave a full explanation, withdrew his contemplated publication, and apologised for his indiscretion, which apology was accepted. In another case a brother who had published in his newspaper such proceedings of a Lodge meeting as transgressed the rule, undertook to meet the wishes of Grand Lodge in every way. In a third case, however, a brother who had transgressed after having received a special warning, was suspended for six months.

Several lodges abroad having ceased to meet for many years, were removed from the register of Grand Lodge.

The Duke of Connaught was re-elected Grand Master. Sir Edward Letchworth (London), G. S.

FLORIDA.

75th Communication, Jacksonville, January 10, 1904.

Thomas M. Puleston, G. M.

The Grand Master has been watchful of every interest of the Craft, zealous and energetic in his labors, and the jurisdiction has made substantial progress.

The resolution of last year imposing a tax of \$1.50 per capita for a Masonic Home was rescinded, and the following adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of the State of Florida in Grand Communication assembled, realizes the great importance of a Masonic Home and Orphanage in our own State, for the support and maintenance of indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, and

Whereas, We realize the importance of doing all we can at

once towards providing a permanent fund for founding such an institution, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Florida recommends that each local Lodge in the State appoint a committee of three of its most active members whose duty it shall be to solicit donations and raise what they can during the year and report the same at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the celebration of their 75th anniversary next year.

Bro. Silas B. Wright reports on Correspondence, and reviews Canada for 1903. In his notice of Washington he has the following on the Grand Orient of Belgium:

The Grand Master enters into a long winded argument, covering more than four pages of the volume, in an effort to show why the resolution offered by P. G. M. Chadwick, intended to withdraw recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium, should not pass. In his argument he begs the real question entirely, and says not a word about the removal of the Bible from the Masonic altars in Belgium; of the acknowledged fact that they are seriously considering the elimination of the name of God from their ritual, and of many other improper and un-Masonic acts, all of which he could have easily learned, if not already known by him, by correspondence with the officials of the Grand Orient, or even by reading the report of proceedings of that body, a copy of which should have been, and probably was on file in the office of the Grand Secretary of Washington. He closes with these words:

"I trust that the Grand Lodge will take no step backward, but will keep itself abreast of the intellect and thought of the world, leaving superstition, bigotry and intolerance far behind."

From this we may fairly conclude that he upholds the Grand Orient of Belgium in their un-Masonic doings. Such argument and language lend color to the truth of the assertion of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas, that the resolutions of 1903 by the Grand Lodge of Washington did not repeal the obnoxious negro resolutions of 1898.

The committee to whom the address was referred recommended that all action on the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Thus the Grand Lodge of Washington remains in affiliation with the Belgian Masons, between whom and the interdicted French Orient there appears to be little difference.

On the Grand Representative system, he says:

The Grand Representative system, in its present shape, seems very much of a great big farce. It is the height of the ridiculous to continue on the lists, and publish year after year, the names of brethren, as Grand Representatives, who for years have failed to attend a session of the Grand Lodge to which they are accredited, and we will wager that by far the larger portion of them have not even read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge whose appointment they hold.

Lodges, 149; members, 5,432; increase, 527.

Thomas M. Puleston (Monticello), G. M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

117th Communication, Macon, October 27, 1903.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The past year has been one of unparalleled prosperity to Masonry in this jurisdiction. The surplus in our treasury has increased to wonderful proportions. Not a single charter has been forfeited. Three dispensations for new Lodges have been granted and a number of charters will be granted at this Communication. There has been a substantial increase in our membership. Our peace and harmony have not been disturbed by any untoward event. And, above all, our brethren are animated by fervency and zeal, and by the genuine spirit of Masonry.

The corner-stone of their Masonic Home was laid with imposing ceremonies. It will cost about \$23,000. The money is on hand, so that no debt will be incurred. Their annual surplus will be from \$12,000 to \$15,000, two-thirds of which will maintain the Home, so that no lodge will be taxed for its maintenance.

The District Deputies are doing a great work in advancing the cause of Masonry in their respective districts, and are performing their duties in a manner worthy of the strongest endorsement.

Thanks are given to Bro. A. O. Bacon for his generous gift of 100 acres of land near the city of Macon for the Home.

We quote part of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, There are only two grades of offences known to Masonry, to wit: un-Masonic conduct and gross un-Masonic conduct; therefore, be it

Resolved, That hereafter the Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall in making their report designate the offenses with which brethren may be charged by one of these titles only.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Inasmuch as the ancient histories and landmarks of Masonry, from the remotest period to the present time, have taught that a Master Mason is a master of the mystic art wherever found upon the surface of the globe, "keeping a tongue of good repute, maintaining secrecy and practicing charity," and thereby entitled to all the privileges, benefits and recognition as such: be it

Resolved, That all Master Masons shall have the right to wear their apron as such in the lower degrees, so long as he chooses to keep its surface spotless from the world. Be it further

Resolved, That the Board of District Deputies recommend that Section No. 16, page 36 of the Code of By-laws of the Grand Lodge, be so changed as to give Master Masons the right to wear their aprons as such.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. Q. Moody, and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 461; members, 22,841; increase, 1,703.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolinin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

36th Communication, Boise, September 8, 1903.

David F. Mason, G. M.

The address opens as follows:

The year just passed has brought to my mind more forcibly than ever before the good influence Masonry is having in all its several jurisdictions throughout this United States and Canada. The Mason's widow and orphans have been provided for, and the sick brethren have been nursed from sickness to health and vigor, and here and there Masonic Temples are adorning the spots which heretofore have been a wilderness or a desert, and Masonry is being praised by mankind as the one order which is bringing men into good fellowship with each other, and Masonry of the 19th century is in a more prosperous condition than ever before. This shows there are few drones in the hive of this society, and as the foundation of our order is solid, so must it be maintained. Let no man cross its portals who you think will not make a good Freemason, and cheerfully conform to, and "practice its," precepts and usages. Masonry teaches and fosters in the man the qualities of self-respect and self-help—the qualities that make a man fit to stand alone, and yet it must foster in every one who appreciates it as it really should be appreciated, when he listens to those solemn and beautiful ceremonies inculcated in its several lectures. It should make in him a genuine feeling for the rights and welfare of others, it should bring him on the level with his fellow men and teach him genuine equality.

Masonry takes the man in his rough state of imperfection and teaches him what all of us need, which is charity; that charity which changes his nature and develops in him that sense of feeling for those who are dependent on him. It also teaches submission, which is essential to good government, and good government is the strength and support of our order.

As I have often set in Masonic Lodge rooms and looked into the faces of men there assembled, I am proud to know I am a Mason, and the more I study Masonry the more good I see in it. It seems to me a true Mason is nearly perfect.

Schools of Instruction were held in 20 lodges, and all were well attended, with great interest manifested.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all spirituous, vinous, and malt liquors shall be excluded from all Masonic banquets given by the constituent Lodges in this jurisdiction, or the members thereof as Freemasons. This resolution does not abrogate or interfere with resolution No. 158, on page 136, of Masonic Code and Digest, now in force.

A new by-law was adopted as follows:

Section 8. No Lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive an application for the degrees of Masonry or for affiliation from any person who is engaged directly, or indirectly, either as proprietor or employe, in manufacturing or selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and every person who, at the time of the adoption of this Section, is a member of any Lodge in this jurisdiction and shall thereafter engage, directly or indirectly, either as proprietor or employe, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, shall forfeit all rights and privileges belonging to him as a Mason, and shall be forthwith expelled from the Lodge of which he is a member; but this section shall not be construed to apply to any person who, at the time of its adoption, shall be a member of any Lodge in this jurisdiction, and, at the time of such adoption, in good standing and engaged in such business.

Bro. George E. Knepper reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1902.

Lodges, 34; members, 1,698; increase, 166.

Joshua M. Cowen (Mountainhome), G. M.

Theo. W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

64th Communication, Chicago, October 6, 1903.

George M. Moulton, G. M.

The address is a practical, business-like document evidencing great care in the performance of all the multifarious duties of a Grand Master in so large a jurisdiction. Harmony prevails in an exceptional degree, and the increase in membership is a record.

Their new Masonic Home at Sullivan is to cost about \$37,000. The initial building will accommodate 100 inmates:

The design chosen contemplated the erection at the present time of one detached or complete building, 140 feet long by 42 feet wide, two stories in height with basement, said building to be counterpart of other similar buildings which may be erected in the future according to the necessity for extension of the charitable work; each of which buildings will con-

tribute to form a complete and symmetrical entirety at any period of the existence of the institution.

The sum of \$15,000 was contributed to the building fund, and \$5,000 for furnishings and maintenance. The Grand Lodge also voted \$16,000 for the maintenance of their Orphans' Home.

The Grand Orator, Bro. James B. McFatrigh, delivered an eloquent oration. We copy the exordium:

The world into which we have been thrown, without choice upon our part, is a blending of sunshine and shadow, of laughter and tears, of beautiful bloom and the faded splendor of the flowers; and every human being's duty is to make the bright side of life the brightest that he may—to reach the high level that God made possible in his creation and endowments of man and to aim at the ideal of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. This is the holy mission of Masonry. There has never been a time when man was not wronged by man, when the human heart was not yearning for rights and liberty and brotherhood of which the stronger and despotic were ruthlessly robbing it; and if we will read the history of the decay and the significance of the decadence of ancient cities and civilizations; if we will decipher the meaning of the broken pillars and crumbled temples and clouded magnificence of the world, we shall find that they all proclaim that most of the storms that have come to shatter the finest creations of man, and that have lined the pathway of time with blackened frowning wrecks, were nurtured into fury by that saddest and most inexplicable of all truths—the greatest enemy of man is man.

The world has not been achieving at its best; it has been groveling in the dirt while its intellect and heart and aspirations should have lifted it among the stars; it has been bestowing its energy and genius upon the perishable and building monuments to its inhumanity which time has defaced and crumbled into dust. Yet amidst all the clouds and unworthy purposes of life there has been a glow of nobler human nature that revealed its divine origin and presaged a brighter, better future for the race.

And it has been the men who were the friends of man, who linked themselves with him in the ascent of the rough, steep hills—as companions are chained together in climbing the Matterhorn—and reaching the top, pointed him to the splendor of the opening morning, spreading itself upon the distant gloom and flashing hope into his heart, whose memories are the most beautiful that we cherish. It is not the name that the proud king of Babylon stamped upon the bricks of the beautiful city that thrills. It is not the careers of Alexander and Hannibal that excite our admiration of noble manhood. The Column Vendome appeals to us only for our regrets that the brilliant genius of Napoleon should have been marred and scarred and extinguished in pitiable humiliation in consequence of colossal selfishness. And the night was so long and starless in European history that the world stood entranced when there broke upon it the sweet, soft light of a great warm

heart, the purity and sympathy of a soul that was charmingly beautiful with ideals of the duties of a throne and the magnificent womanhood of the illustrious Victoria. Great as a Queen, greater as a woman, greatest as a mother, she was a sister to the race, an idol of the universal heart, and a favorite of the gods.

In his review of Canada for 1902, Bro. Joseph Robbins says that the reports of the District Deputies are "fully up to the traditions so long prevailing in the jurisdiction in respect to the thoroughness of inquiry and fullness of information."

Lodges, 729; members, 66,621; increase, 3,549.

William B. Wright (Effingham), G. M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G. S.

INDIANA.

83rd Communication, Indianapolis, May 24, 1904.

William E. English, G. M.

With a justifiable degree of pride, the Grand Master called attention to the fact that the past year was the most prosperous, the most harmonious and the most successful in their history. Six new lodges were opened.

The following reports were adopted:

The recommendation of the Grand Master "that reports of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals should in every instance only embrace a statement of the case, and the finding of the committee, the same to be published in its printed proceedings, all other matter in reports from the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, but eliminated from the printed proceedings," meets with the approval of your Committee on Jurisprudence, and they recommend its adoption. * * *

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as pertains to the number of candidates that may be obligated at one and the same time, submit the following report:

All the ceremonies of initiation in the several degrees conferred in the Lodge contemplate the introduction of only one candidate in any of the initiatory ceremonies in either degree. This is especially the case in the initiatory ceremony of the first section of the Entered Apprentice degree, when no more than one candidate can be properly admitted and obligated at the same time, and any attempted evasion of the rule can not be permitted under any circumstance whatever.

The nature of the ceremonies in the second degree do not preclude the introduction of more than one candidate, but the number thus admitted should be limited, and in no case more than can be received and passed without marring the impressiveness of the ceremonies.

The same may be said of the first section of the third degree, but not with the same conditions in regard to what is to

follow, and your committee would recommend that not more than three be admitted to the first section of the Master Mason's degree at the same time, and then only when there is an absolute necessity for receiving more than one in order to advance candidate in due time, and dispose of accumulated work on hand.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1903, Bro. Daniel McDonald has the following:

It may well be doubted if Lodges, as such, attending divine services, is productive of any good. Masonry is, to a certain extent, a religious institution, but it is composed of those not believing in any particular form of doctrine held by the several hundred religious denominations now in existence, and in attending divine services of the orthodox churches of the present day, some of the members are pretty sure to have their religious toes tramped upon. As individuals, Masons have a right to belong to, and attend such religious denominational church as they may desire, but as a Lodge it has never appeared to us that it was the proper thing to do to authorize their attendance on divine service.

Lodges, 524; members, 40,199; increase, 2,871.

George E. Grimes (Ladoga), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis, G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

30th Communication, Tishomingo, August 13, 1903.

Royall J. Allen, G. M.

The past year has been one of great peace and pleasure, with profit to the cause of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction. Twelve new lodges were formed.

The Grand Lecturer held schools of instruction of four days' duration each, with 17 lodges, which were all well attended. A fair degree of improvement was manifested in the work.

There are 65 orphans, assisted by the lodges in maintenance and education.

Lodges, 125; members, 4,994; increase, 317.

Philip D. Brewer (South McAlester), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

60th Communication, Waterloo, June 2, 1903.

Willis S. Gardner, G. M.

The Grand Master says he is a "plain, every-day business man," but his address gives good evidence that his modesty bespeaks his merit, and that as a ruler in the

Craft he has been an undoubted success. On the work of Masonic instruction he well says:

The same trouble seems to exist as in previous years—a lack of attendance from the lodges which would receive greatest benefit. This Grand Lodge has adopted a plan for disseminating the work, which should be productive of the best results, but it cannot, no matter what care is exercised or expense incurred, make headway against the apathy or negligence of Masters and other officers of the Lodges. The standard of work in Iowa has been placed high, and the Board of Custodians has labored to bring the actual rendition in the Lodges to the point of accuracy and impressiveness, but this requires active co-operation on the part of all concerned, and unless such can be secured the expense is not warranted.

I am also convinced that it is of no less importance that the Masters or Masters-elect of our Lodges should be given instruction in Masonic law than that they be proficient in the ritual. I have elsewhere referred to the fact that much of the time of the Grand Master is taken up in answering questions, which the most limited knowledge of our law should enable inquirers to solve for themselves. As a rule the Grand Masters of this jurisdiction are busy men. The time necessary for the proper conduct of the office is cheerfully given. But it is not reasonable to require a waste of time in replying to queries which a simple reference to the Code would render unnecessary. I believe, therefore, that if the present system of Schools of Instruction is continued, it should be required that the Custodian or District Lecturer devote some time to exposition and discussion of Code provisions, at least so far as they apply to the ordinary affairs of the Lodge.

All that has been said on this subject will equally apply to the unnecessary work thrown upon the Grand Secretary's office. A familiarity with the law would greatly simplify the proceedings of the lodges, remove much cause of dissension therein, and relieve the Grand Master and Grand Secretary from a great deal of unnecessary correspondence.

On the same subject the committee on the address reported as under:

We heartily concur in what is said by the Grand Master in regard to disseminating our ritualistic work by means of Schools of Instruction, and would, if possible, emphasize the importance of Masters of Lodges fitting themselves for a proper discharge of the duties they owe to the Lodges over which they are called to preside. Under the methods adopted by the Board of Custodians, no Master of a Lodge can offer a reasonable excuse for not becoming reasonably proficient in the work, and able to give instruction to his Lodge in the ritualistic work, as well as by the aid of books accessible to him in the Grand Lodge Library and a study of our Masonic Code, educate the brethren in Masonic law and the moral teachings of Masonry. It should be regarded as a duty by every Master of a Lodge to do this. There are many Masters of the Lodges who take a proper pride in doing their work well and are measuring up to the requirements of the obliga-

tions taken at their installation, while others are content to delve along in the ruts worn deep by their predecessors, wilfully ignorant as to their duties, because careless or unwilling to qualify themselves for their work. Ours is a beautiful, interesting and instructive work, and when properly performed cannot fail to make a profound and favorable impression upon the candidates for its mysteries, and it should be a source of pride and pleasure on the part of the officers and members of every subordinate Lodge to become bright and well-informed Masons. When properly educated along these lines, the danger of being imposed upon by Masonic imposters will be minimized, the improper use of the black ball will practically cease, while the proper use of the black ball will perhaps be more often and profitably exercised; the Grand Master will cease to be flooded with letters upon questions that will meet with a ready answer in the local Lodge, and all will realize that Masonry is, indeed, a noble and progressive science.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, The work and teachings of Masonry involve a descriptive account of the Pillars at the entrance of the porch of King Solomon's Temple, known in Masonic and Biblical history as Jachin and Boaz. And

Whereas, The Grand Jurisdictions vary in their teachings as to the height of said pillars, showing a difference of understanding as to the height thereof to the extent of the difference between eighteen and thirty-five cubits. And

Whereas, It is important that the teachings in this Grand Jurisdiction should be in harmony with truth in this respect, or with the best evidence of truth: therefore

Be it resolved, That the Grand Master is hereby authorized to appoint a committee to consist of one member of this Grand Lodge to collect information, as best he can, as to the correct height of said pillars, and make report of his findings and recommendations to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

A very excellent report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Joseph E. Morcomb, in which our Proceedings of 1902 find a place. In his introductory remarks Bro. Morcombe clothes his "thoughts that breathe" in beautiful and felicitous expressions:

Our renewed survey of Masonry reveals the Craft on the very flood-tide of prosperity, high in popular favor, its members increasing beyond all previous records, and its financial condition allowing for great benevolences and the erection of stately temples. Yet let us remember that added opportunities have brought increased responsibilities. It is not enough that we gather into our ranks the honored and the great men of earth; not sufficient that we build magnificent homes for the aged and indigent and boast that our charities have increased a hundred fold—all this without avail.

"If drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe.

Such boastings as the Gentiles use
 Or lesser breeds without the Law—
 Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!"

Masonry has ever shared in the good and evil of the changing generations. It has felt and responded to the impulses of every age. As in the human brain each impinging thought leaves a stored cell which memory may evoke for future use, so in the general consciousness of the Craft there is retained all that the great thought-waves of the centuries have brought. It has received all that the fathers had of noble optimism and high endeavor; all that they wrought for faith and freedom; all that has been gained in the world's senates, wrested from the deposits of the nations, or bought with blood or stricken fields. These are our treasures, to be jealously guarded and preserved, that happily nothing may be lost by careless keeping or suffer injury by neglect. For even our most secret truths, and all the lore our symbols teach to him who reads the word aright, is but a trust which sometime the world shall sorely need and shall demand as the very price of our being.

Our ancient fraternity has gathered unheeded truth on every hand and gleaned from the neglected wisdom of the ages that it may make return to the common stock in some hour of supremest need. And then when man, worn with doubts, wearied with vain strivings, and starved with the unsatisfying husks of material things, shall despair of the purposes of the Infinite and the destiny of humanity, the treasure-house that has been kept closed so long to the careless and unthinking shall be opened to enrich all the destitute souls of earth. It shall then support a failing faith and prepare the way for the new evangel yet to be preached, of God's fatherhood and the brotherhood of man.

Then, and not until then, will the higher mission of Masonry be fulfilled. The present task is to so conserve all that has been gained and stored, that there shall be no diminution of treasure. Ours, also, the appointed work to carry on the torch which was lighted at ancient flames, that in the future it may cast a light into the dark places of men's souls.

"From age after age while new light we receive
 To rest at God's feet the old glories have gone;
 And the accents of genius their echoes still weave
 With the great human voice, till their thoughts are
 but one."

Men have covered the earth with arteries of iron and crossed it with tingling nerves of steel. Mightier than the magicians of old, they have called up the elemental spirits of force to do their bidding. Proud of their gains of power and wealth, hurrying ever to new achievement, they have forgotten the simple faith of the fathers. Because with science-aided eyes that have peered into the starlit vestibule of the Infinite and found no shape or form of God they have denied His being. Engrossed in the present they have thrown doubt upon the future. Our's the work to stay and uphold the outstretched hands of faith, as were those of Moses strengthened

at Rephidim, and thus may we aid in bringing spiritual victory to mankind.

In the low-lying valleys where unaspiring souls seek but the lotus eater's dream, there comes no broad, inspiring view, while to the dwellers on perhaps more barren hills the early sunlight comes from far-off heights of orient glory. Let it be ours to live upon the heights, where even in the hours of darkness we may catch the glint of coming day.

Lodges, 503; members, 33,181; increase, 1,372.

Charles C. Clark (Burlington), G. M.

Newton R. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

KANSAS.

48th Communication, Topeka, February 17, 1904.

Bestor G. Brown, G. M.

On the state of the Craft, he says:

There is much in the splendid condition of Masonry throughout Kansas to form just grounds for congratulation. The intelligent management of the business of the Lodges, the high personnel of the membership, the dignity and decorum with which the ceremonies are conducted, and the accuracy of the work, all show marked improvement over former years.

On the subject of life membership, the Grand Master has the following:

The question of enacting by-laws which establish life memberships, either through the payment of a specific sum or through continued payment of annual dues for a given period of years, has been presented in several Lodges during the past year. The question contains merit, and finds its support in the broad proposition that one who has borne the burden and the heat of the day is entitled to the refreshment and rest that comes in the cool shades of eventide.

Deeming the question one of importance, inquiries were submitted to the North American jurisdictions as to the conditions existing in those several jurisdictions. A digest of the replies is set forth in Appendix B. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the life membership by-law is unwise, especially if it provides for the exemption from dues through the payment of a lump sum. Proper safeguards do not surround the financing of such lump sum payment, and instead of its being made to produce a revenue which will discharge the annual taxes of the member, it is dissipated in the general fund.

Under the provision of Grand Lodge By-law No. 117 a Lodge may remit the annual dues of a worthy brother, whose long service merits such consideration, or whose financial condition justifies such exemption. Just how far may go the inherent right of Lodges to legislate relative to their own revenue is a question which it seems wise should be passed upon by the Grand Lodge at this time.

If it be deemed unnecessary to enact any prohibitive law, it is wise that an opinion on this subject be expressed for the guidance of Lodges, many of whom might be governed by a commendable charitable impulse, rather than by a knowledge of the business features of the question.

It is recommended, therefore, that the Grand Lodge should, at least, express itself as recommending that Lodges do not enact a by-law which provides life membership by the payment of a lump sum, or even by the continued payment of dues for a given period of years, depending upon the true Masonic spirit to invoke the operations of By-law No. 117 in all cases of merit.

On the same subject, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

Your committee finds nothing in the Constitution or By-laws of this Grand Jurisdiction which would enable or authorize it to prohibit a Lodge from enacting a life-membership by-law or exempting any of its members from dues through the payment of a lump sum, but the committee heartily approve the wise suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master in this regard, and in the light of the experience of those Lodges which have adopted such measures and have almost invariably had reason to regret such action, we urgently recommend to the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction that such by-laws be not adopted, a full and complete opportunity being afforded all lodges by the provisions of By-law No. 117 to reward long and meritorious service to the Craft and to exercise such charity from year to year as may seem just and equitable to the majority of the members.

Their Masonic Home has 49 inmates.

The District Deputy system was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is a most extensive and elaborate production by Bro. William B. Shaver. It covers 350 pages, and almost defies criticism or description. Canada for 1903 has a good notice. On religious toleration Bro. Shaver says:

Masonry teaches the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and it fraternally clasps in that great brotherhood all who accept the One Great Father, God. As we remarked last year, however, Masonry presents no Masonic God, or idea of God to its initiates, nor does it narrow and weaken the institution by insisting on such a generalized definition of religious belief that all may unite in it. It does not attempt either to direct or stifle religious belief, or its expression. The Christian kneels before the Masonic altar, and on the book of his Christian faith, the Holy Bible, pledges his life to truth; the orthodox Jew kneels before the same altar, and on the book of his faith, the Hebrew Scriptures, takes the same vow to truth; the Mohammedan now kneels before the same altar, and on the Koran, the book of his faith, takes the same vow to truth. Each accepts the one God, because there is only one God. Each in his search for truth reads according to the

dictates of his own conscience; each may repeat his own creed—different, of course, because creeds are many—but as he does so each stretches forth his hand across the Masonic altar and grasps the hand of the other, and calls him brother. Masonry teaches universal toleration of religious belief or creed, not a universal creed.

Lodges, 369; members, 24,742; increase, 1,175.

Thomas G. Fitch (Wichita), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

103rd Communication, Louisville, October 20, 1903.

John W. Landrum, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. James W. Staton, P. G. M., who for many years was Chairman of Correspondence. He was a faithful craftsman, well beloved and of great ability.

On their new hall the Grand Master says:

The building of a new Temple, known as "The Masonic," was not a matter of choice, but its conception and construction was a result of circumstances. Its completion is but another jewel in the crown of glory that adorns Kentucky Masonry.

The Craft of this jurisdiction has built Temples, considered in their days as models of architectural beauty. It has supported schools, and for years nurtured and controlled a college and university. It has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars as an endowment and an annuity of a Home for destitute widows and helpless orphans, in which to-day, two hundred and fifty beneficiaries look upon you as benefactor and friend. It provided a retreat from life's cares and burdens, for the aged Craftsman who has found that Brotherly Love and Relief are realities.

The past history of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has been a series of struggles and triumphs, noble aims and grand achievements. After having furnished the measures, means and moral support in the erection and maintenance of Homes for the infirm, the destitute and the helpless; and schools for the young and the ignorant, it found that its liberality had deprived itself of a home, or a place in which to hold its annual gatherings. Without complaint or regret that it had thus betowed its generosity, but with a renewed activity and firmness of purpose, it purchased a lot and with only a few thousand—or practically without a dollar, boldly proceeded to the erection of this magnificent edifice that is equaled in splendor by very few temples on this continent, and reflects additional credit upon the craft in Kentucky and elsewhere.

The money, except \$27,000.00, which the Grand Lodge had as a reserve, and which was used in payment of lot, was furnished by the Home: \$90,000.00 of the money thus furnished belongs to the Grand Lodge, but is held in trust by the Home, and the Grand Lodge generously pays interest on that amount

of its own funds to benefit widows and orphans of Masons, besides paying over \$22,000.00 a year toward their support. I may be pardoned if I contemplate these acts of generous liberality and charity, with a feeling of admiration, love and pride for Kentucky Masonry, and a veneration for this century-old Grand Lodge.

The total cost was over \$275,000.

Owing to the death of Bro. Staton there is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 479; members, 23,547; increase, 1,728.

Owen D. Thomas (Lebanon), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

92nd Communication, New Orleans, February 1, 1904.

Robert R. Reid, G. M.

In his opening remarks he says:

The prominence of Freemasonry, as a factor in the development of our civilization, is due not alone to the recognition of a Supreme Creator and to the inculcation of a belief in that Creator as a dominant feature of her esoteric as well as exoteric teachings, but because she has added, as a co-ordinate, that principle of action which is the heritage of her glorious past; the tocsin of her splendid present and the ultima thule of her grander future—Toleration. That toleration, that freedom of thought, of speech and of action which mean the liberation of man from the thralldom of his own passions and prejudices to the liberty which shall make of him the true citizen, the actual man, the real Mason.

I am tempted to these expressions by reason of incidents, which, if permitted to recur, must prove subversive of this last great principle which is the cape-stone of that arch of brotherly love, relief and truth which rests upon the pillars of "Strength and Establishments"—the unity of God and man.

It is not the spirit of toleration which prompts the physical correction of one who may have innocently erred because reared and educated where deculiar social distinctions are not recognized, possibly unknown. Such an one is to be pitied and set aright, not scourged, and told to go forth from his fellow-men.

Neither is it the spirit of toleration, or brotherly love, that raises the hue and cry against a brother who may have done a wrong, but whose guilt is not established and who, more than ever, needs that hand to back which shall raise and support a weak and erring brother.

Remembering the limitations of our physical nature and that education is but a synonym for environment, it is, imperatively, our duty to admit, and make allowance for the existence of conditions and customs, which, although repugnant from our point of view, may be the credo of those just as true, just as honest, just as sincere in their convictions as ourselves.

"While on earth the Teacher Great taught this lesson true:
Do to others as ye would they should do to you."

With these prefatory remarks, not in censure or criticism, but intended to warn you from deviating from our established rules and customs, and in the hope that our faith in God, vivified by the subduing influences of toleration, may become a living force that shall bring us, each, nearer to Him, to each other and to our fellow-man, I give you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this Annual Communication.

A year of agricultural and commercial success has had a beneficial effect upon the lodges, and the returns show general activity.

Seven new lodges were formed.

A committee was appointed to provide a plan either for a Masonic Home or for the creation of a Permanent Relief Fund.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, in which our Proceedings are fraternally noticed. We quote part of his remarks on the origin of the Craft:

The question of the origin of Masonry must always be interesting to the student. There is ample room in meditating upon it for play of the imagination. Yet, we take it that the Masonic iconoclast who would cry bosh to all assertion of origin ante-dating the earlier years of the eighteenth century, can find but little standing among Masonic students.

In all investigations of the source and origin of Masonry, as we have it to-day, there are certain well-defined facts, amply proved, that will serve as beacons and guides. In the remote past, for example, in the days when Egypt was the seat of the world's light and learning, there were mysteries practiced. Into these mysteries men were initiated, and thereby constituted into a society, imperfectly organized, possibly, but evidently with some organization, for otherwise there could be no initiation. Initiation implies, of necessity, a qualified initiator, and something into which there is an initiation. Of the philosophy and the vital teachings of those mysteries we know a good deal, not by tradition, but from the discovery of symbols traced and engraved, without any sort of question, in those remote days.

There is a marked similarity in the philosophy and vital teachings of those mysteries and the philosophy and vital teachings of the "work" of to-day's Freemasonry.

Whence came these things into the Mason's Lodge-room? It must have been by heritage or adoption.

Against the acceptance of the latter hypothesis looms up the fact that the unveiling of the symbols of Egypt must be given a date subsequent to that when those teachings are known to have been inculcated in the Lodge. The Masons of the early days of the eighteenth century could not have adopted and appropriated the philosophy and vital teachings of much of the Ancient Mysteries, for to a very large extent

the symbols that have revealed the character of those mysteries were hidden in their day by the dust of ages and were unknown then to anybody. Historic Masonry ante-dates "Egyptian Research."

While we know that much of the Freemasonry of to-day has been adopted and originated by our degree-makers and embellishers, yet we cannot but admit that much, very much, of our "work" must have come to us by heritage from the ante-historic days. By what channels and at what length we know not. That is for investigation. The fact of the heritage is all that we can now assert. That seems to us indisputable.

Members, 7,740; increase, 776.

L. P. Delahoussaye (New Orleans), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

84th Communication, Portland, May 5, 1903.

Alfred S. Kimball, G. M.

The correspondence with Belgium is given as follows:

In accordance with the direction given by the Grand Lodge one year ago, a fraternal communication was sent to Maine's representative near the Grand Orient of Belgium, Bro. Albert J. Kruger, accompanied with a copy of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence so far as it related to our relations with that Grand Body, with the kindly expression of hope that nothing would continue which would eventually disturb the harmony then existing. The Grand Secretary also sent a copy of the report on the subject matter of relations directly to the Grand Orient, as I am informed. In due course I received an acknowledgment from Bro. Kruger, saying that the matter would shortly be referred to the Grand Master and receive careful attention, also expressing his sorrow upon learning of the death of Bro. Drummond, to which I had referred in my communication.

On the twenty-ninth day of April, 1903, I also received the following letter from Bro. Kruger:

Antwerp, April 17, 1903.

Most Worshipful Sir and dear Illust. Brother:

In my letter to you of Dec. 12, 1902, I stated that I should transmit the fraternal communication of your Grand Lodge (dated Nov. 4, 1902), to the National Grand Master, respectively the Grand Orient of Belgium, on first occasion.

I have done so in due time, and beg to say your communication had the full attention of the Grand Committee, consisting of the Grand Master and Grand Officers. At a meeting of said committee a short time ago, several members were authorized to communicate with a certain number of influential Masons in France respecting the pending questions and report the result of their correspondence and enquiry to the Grand Committee.

As the latter cannot very well take action until said report has been received, the Grand Master desires me to request you to kindly have any action on the part of the Grand Lodge

of Maine deferred, if possible, until the report in question has been received, acted upon, and the result communicated to you.

Permit me to assure you that the Grand Master and Grand Officers most earnestly desire to preserve the pleasant relations now existing, and like the Grand Lodge of Maine, would deeply deplore any severance—permit me also to join the Grand Master in his request, which I trust you will grant.

Please convey to the Grand Officers and brethren in session on the 5th of May next our best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Maine for all time to come.

With fraternal greetings and assurances of high personal esteem,

Yours,

ALBERT J. KRUGER.

To Alfred S. Kimball, Esq.,
Grand Master, Norway, Maine.

All the correspondence during the past year will be herewith submitted, with the recommendation that in accordance with the request of the Grand Orient of Belgium, action on this matter be postponed until the next Annual Communication.

On the second day of the meeting the Grand Lodge consecrated the monument to the memory of Josiah Hayden Drummond with imposing ceremonies. The design of the monument is a very beautiful and appropriate one. It consists of a perfect ashlar, raised on three steps, and having a medallion portrait in bronze of the deceased brother. The excess of subscriptions over the cost of the work is to be appropriated to the purchase of Bro. Drummond's valuable library for the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge making up the balance required.

Bro. Albro E. Chase reports on correspondence and reviews our proceedings of 1902.

Lodges, 199; members, 23,940; increase, 716.

William J. Burnham (Lewiston), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

28th Communication, Winnipeg, June 10, 1903.

R. Hill Myers, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

Our numbers have largely increased, harmony has prevailed within our borders, the Lodges have enjoyed material prosperity, the moral and spiritual teachings of our ritual have been impressed upon candidates with faithfulness, and the impetus given to Freemasonry by our predecessors has suffered no check in this jurisdiction in the steady advance our fraternity is making as one of the greatest human agencies for good the world has ever seen.

The District Deputies proved themselves willing workers and kept the lodges in good shape. Nine new lodges were opened. The increase in membership has beaten all previous records.

The report of Bro. W. V. Tukey, D. D. G. M. of the Yukon District, is as follows:

Yukon Lodge, No. 79: I visited on the night of September 18th, 1902. Yukon Lodge is well up in the work, and has a membership that any Lodge should be proud of; they own their hall and have comfortable quarters, well furnished. The books are not in first-class shape, owing to the fact of the secretary being absent from the jurisdiction, and on account of the Lodge books being delayed in transit from Grand Lodge.

White Horse Lodge, U. D.: I visited on September 25th, 1902, and found the Lodge doing good work; they have a nicely arranged and furnished hall, and are enthusiastic in all they undertake to do. I heartily recommend that they be granted a charter, and that R. W. Bro. Fred. McLellan be deputized by the Grand Lodge to constitute the Lodge, as I have to leave the jurisdiction. The books of White Horse Lodge are well kept, neat and up-to-date, and the members all take hold of the work with snap and energy.

The sum of \$500 was voted to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

Lodges, 77; members, 3,811; increase, 325.

E. A. Braithwaite (Edmonton), G. M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

117th Communication, Baltimore, November 17, 1903.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

Bro. Charles H. Ohr, M.D., P.G.M., closed a remarkable Masonic career on March 3, 1903, in the 93rd year of his age. He was initiated in 1839, just as the Morgan excitement was beginning to wane. The writer made his acquaintance in Baltimore in 1871, and his vivid descriptions of Masonic occurrences in those early days were particularly entertaining. Bro. Ohr was Grand Master from 1849 to 1852, and for nearly half a century after, till age and enfeebled health prevented, he journeyed from his mountain home to the meetings of Grand Lodge.

The retirement of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, after 40 years of official duty, called forth the grateful appreciation of the Grand Lodge for his invaluable services. He was made Grand Secretary *emeritus* for life, with full salary. Bro. Medairy was born in

1822, initiated in 1846, and elected Grand Secretary in 1863.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz again reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 106; members, 9,726; increase, 289.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly Communication, June 10, 1903.

From the Grand Secretary's study of the old records we take the following:

The archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts contain the earliest Masonic records now known to be in existence on this continent; those of the Provincial Grand Lodge organized by Henry Price in 1733, generally known as St. John's Grand Lodge (Moderns), and those of the Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge, organized by Joseph Warren in 1769 (Ancients). The entire record contained in these two volumes, bringing the narrative down to the union of these two Grand Lodges in 1792, was printed in 1895.

We have also in our archives the records of several subordinate Lodges existing during the Provincial period, namely:

Record of the First Lodge in Boston, from Dec. 27, 1738 (O. S.), to July 24, 1754.

Record of the Second Lodge in Boston, from Dec. 21, 1761, to Feb. 16, 1775.

Record of the Masters' Lodge in Boston, from Jan. 2, 1738 (O. S.), to Jan. 15, 1783.

The first Lodge, often called the "Mother Lodge," was constituted by Henry Price on the 31st of August, 1733; the Second Lodge was constituted by Thomas Oxnard on the 15th of February, 1749. On the 7th of February, 1783, under authority granted by John Rowe, Grand Master, these two Lodges were united under the title of Saint John's Lodge, which has had a continuous existence ever since and has preserved its records, without a break, from the date last-named to the present time.

The Provincial Grand Lodge organized by Henry Price in 1733 was the first duly constituted Masonic Body now known to have existed on this continent. Most of the brethren then living in this country had received light in England. They may, when a sufficient number could be assembled in a given locality, have occasionally assumed the title and powers of a Lodge and made Masons of a few of their neighbors, acting after the manner in vogue in England before the revival or reorganization of Masonry in 1717. That date marks the beginning of order and system in Masonic organization and government. The Constitutions of 1723 declared: "If any set or number of Masons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without the Grand Master's Warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them, nor own them as fair

brethren and duly form'd, nor approve of their acts and deeds."

Quarterly Communication, September 9, 1903.

In consequence of the spurious work of certain expelled Masons of New York, Massachusetts and Ohio, the following resolution was passed:

That this Grand Lodge earnestly recommends to the Grand Lodges throughout the country the adoption of a regulation requiring of every visiting brother the production of a Grand Lodge certificate as a preliminary to examination; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to request that in all other jurisdictions orders may be issued requiring the production of such a certificate from all brethren hailing from Massachusetts, as a preliminary to the compliance with all local regulations now existing.

The most important Communication in the year is the one held at Boston in December, and corresponds to our annual.

December 9, 1903. The 170th annual.

Baalis Sanford, G. M.

He reports the issuance of dispensations for a new lodge at Tientsin, China, and two others at Shanghai, China. His information is that the population of Shanghai has increased very rapidly during the past decade, and Masonry has kept pace with the times, the increased population being largely American.

Bro. Sanford has the following caution against spurious Masons:

I consider it my duty to allude to a matter of much importance to the Craft, and to caution the Masters and Wardens of Lodges against imposters and spurious Masons. This species of fraud crops out periodically, and at the present time is being revived with no small degree of energy. Hundreds of victims have been inveigled into taking so-called degrees by misrepresentation and falsehood, from unscrupulous parties, who are advertising in the daily papers for candidates for degrees, which they have no legal authority to confer.

Our only safeguard is to submit strange visitors to a rigid examination, and also to require them to show their diplomas or traveling cards, duly signed by the Recording Grand Secretary, with their own names signed in the margin.

You will remember, Worshipful Masters, that at your installation you promised that no visitor should be admitted into your Lodges without due examination and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated in a regular Lodge. These vouchers should be very carefully examined. It may be annoying to a brother to be refused admission to a Lodge, because he has not those vouchers with him, but if he be a true Mason, he will see the justice of this requirement. I would therefore request of the Masters of Lodges not to admit visi-

tors unless they can produce their diploma and pass a thorough examination by a competent committee, or be vouched for by a brother, known to the Worshipful Master, who has sat in regular Lodge with him.

They have a rare collection of Masonic curiosities. The committee on this subject say:

We find from this catalogue that there are 54 aprons, 70 badges, 59 diplomas, 76 jewels, 137 medals, 37 articles contributed by Brothers John H. and Geo. W. Chester, 31 articles contributed by R. W. Chas. C. Hutchinson, 48 seals (metal and wax), 20 statues and pitchers, 255 framed pictures of prominent Masons, 54 framed pictures of Masonic buildings, 80 articles of a miscellaneous character, 65 pictures of Masonic subjects, and 403 photographs of Masonic brethren.

This Grand Lodge does not publish any report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 239; members, 45,307; increase, 1892.

Balis Sanford (Brockton), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

60th Communication, Lansing, January 26, 1904.

Roscoe W. Broughton, G. M.

Three prominent members died during the year: Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secretary since 1892, an earnest and faithful laborer and beloved by all for his kindly deeds; P. G. M. George H. Durand and P. G. Lecturer Arthur M. Clark.

The Grand Master found the year all too short to accomplish all he intended. He visited many lodges and found the Craft prospering.

Their Masonic Home has 52 inmates, and the cost of maintenance was \$3.28 per week each.

The time of the meeting of Grand Lodge was changed from January to the fourth Tuesday in May.

Each lodge is hereafter to keep

A properly indexed record book, in which shall be preserved all memorials of deceased Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, as well as of those members of their own Lodges to whose memory memorials may be adopted by their Lodges.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903.

Lodges, 393; members, 49,724; increase, 2,344.

Fletcher E. Turrell (Bellaire), G. M.

Lou B. Winsor (Reed City), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

51st Communication, St. Paul, January 20, 1904.

Henry R. Adams, G. M.

On foreign relations he says:

We are in cordial and fraternal relations with our Grand Sister Jurisdictions. And whoever may desire a broader knowledge of Masonry, let him read the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Those committees in our Grand Lodges are among the brightest men in the Fraternity. They are the men who "know the compass and chart of Masonry, and keep us to our ancient and traditional moorings;" they are the "writers and thinkers who give stability to our Masonic character and lend a charm to our Masonic literature." Any brother who familiarizes himself with those reports will be an authority in his Lodge on Masonic ethics and jurisprudence.

The Masonic Home question was indefinitely postponed.

Western Australia was recognized.

Bro. Irving Todd reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903.

Lodges, 239; members, 19,474; increase, 936.

William A. McGonagle (Duluth), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

85th Communication, Biloxi, February 19, 1903.

Harry T. Howard, G. M.

The Grand Master had a busy year, visiting lodges and laying corner stones. He even found his way as far north as the Georgian District.

September 12, I visited Orillia Lodge, Canada, and saw the work there: while the wind howled and the rain came down outside. Inside, a red hot stove kept us warm, and at the banquet good cheer prevailed. The toasts were all drunk in hot tea or coffee, and afterwards Scotch songs kept us silent. Before leaving, the mystic chain was formed and we sang "Auld Lang Syne."

In condemnation of drunkenness, Bro. Howard says:

Masonry is designed to help men, and aid us to walk uprightly. When we cannot aid the fallen brother because he persists in drinking in spite of all warning, he should be expelled at once. In our state where that noble band of women, the Temperance Union, is striving to overcome drunkenness, it does seem to me that Masonry should join them openly. Let us do our duty fearlessly and purge our Lodge rooms of the staggering, degraded human being, who dishonors Freemasonry and violates his most sacred obligations. And in

this connection I would warn our brethren who are Shriners, that the reputation of our Institution has suffered at their hands. When they hold a meeting whiskey and beer flow freely. The outside world think the Shrine a part of Masonry; but they should be told the truth, and that the Shrine only uses the Masonic bodies to draw upon for novices. As it is at present, the Masons bear all the responsibility. Yet by Masonic law we can not engage in the liquor business without being justly expelled. Let the officers of the Shrine remember that a great conflagration may be caused by a lighted match and that the Masonic body is disgraced by their carelessness.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction, who shall be found guilty of having in his possession any cypher ritual, or expose, so-called, or use any cypher ritual in the work of the Lodge or out of it, shall be disciplined by his Lodge, and for the first offense shall be suspended indefinitely, and for the second he shall be expelled.

Bro. A. H. Barkley reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 293; members, 10,966; increase, 426.

Emmet N. Thomas (Greenville), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

86th Communication, Greenville, February 18, 1904.

Emmet N. Thomas, G. M.

Prosperity and plenty abound everywhere throughout the State.

Representatives were exchanged for the first time with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

The serious illness of Bro. Andrew H. Barkley, P. G. M., and Chairman of Correspondence, having been announced, prayers were offered for his recovery.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

The following is from the report on the state of the Craft:

From the sources of information at our command we are glad to report a steady increase in our membership, not only in Mississippi, but throughout the United States and Canada, and even throughout the civilized world. It is now estimated that there are at least one million and a half of Master Masons in the United States. We are not only rejoiced at the increase in our numbers, but more so in the character of the material being worked into this Grand Temple of brotherly kindness and universal benevolence; clergymen, governors, judges, lawyers, doctors, farmers, school teachers and men of all professions and occupations are knocking at our doors and

being admitted "in due and ample form," and conforming nobly to our regulations. Many of these new members are young men in the prime of young manhood, and are already bright Masons and are filling the different offices in their Lodges with credit to themselves and to the Fraternity, thereby taking much of the burdens off the old members.

Thomas U. Sisson (Winona), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI.

83rd Communication, St. Louis, October 20, 1903.

Owing to the death of the Grand Master, John C. Yocum, while in office, the Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy, William F. Kuhn.

In the address of the Acting Grand Master we find that he had to send a circular to the lodges against some wrong practices, one of which was smoking in the lodge room during degree work. Such a practice should, of course, be absolutely prohibited, and our wonder is that it should ever have been allowed.

Bro. Kuhn's remarks on public appearances have our hearty approval, except as to the dedication of lodge rooms, which we think should not be open to the public. In fact, it could not be so here, as some of the esoteric work is used in our ceremony. We deprecate public appearances, as tending to lower the dignity of the Fraternity, cheapening ourselves in an unnecessary manner, and as serving no good purpose. In our opinion the only occasions on which Masons should appear in public clothed with the badges of the Craft, are two in number, the laying of a corner-stone of a public or Masonic building, and the funeral of a brother Mason.

I have had many requests for a dispensation from Lodges to appear in public on other than Masonic occasions. These requests have been denied in all cases, except one. The requests have come for every occasion imaginable: Decoration day, fraternity day, memorial services, church services on Sunday, etc. etc.

This habit of parading has and is growing, and is chiefly due to trying to compete, or imitate, the various and multitudinous fraternal insurance societies.

Many of the brethren have felt aggrieved over the fact that the Masonic Lodge cannot parade, while other organizations can appear on every occasion.

This appearance, on other than Masonic occasions, unless it be of National or State importance, has a tendency to render common and cheap a fraternity that has always been exclusive and dignified. If this mixture of the Masonic Order with

the ephemeral societies of the day continues, we will lose that character and high standing that has characterized us.

I had one request to parade with a society, which, in Kansas City at least, is made up of the lowest class of citizens, and whose annual debauch is always held on the Sabbath Day.

I have felt it a sense of duty to refuse these requests. There has been too much looseness on this subject in the past. One request I reluctantly granted, because the dispensation had been heretofore granted, and the Lodge, believing that which has been, is, and will forever be, made all the arrangements, notified the neighboring Lodges, before permission of the Grand Master had been secured. I granted this dispensation with a few words of admonition and reproof.

Brethren, we err if we think the public show or a mere parade will add to our membership. If a Masonic occasion in which a public ceremony is given, such as dedication of halls, laying corner-stones or the funeral ceremonies, impress the profane with the character and principles of our Fraternity, there can be no objection; but he who comes to us for parade purposes, it would be better to stop him at the outer door.

Six of the 32 boodlers in St. Louis were Masons. One was expelled by his lodge, and in the other cases their trials are pending.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Cuba, New Zealand, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and Victoria. The Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico is to be recognized provided it does not fraternize with Belgium or France or any other body ignoring the existence of the Deity.

The endowment fund of their Masonic Home has reached the goodly sum of \$100,000.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 565; members, 37,541; increase, 1,314.

William F. Kuhn (Kansas City), G. M.

John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

A special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held April 24, 1903, at Gardiner, at the entrance of the Yellowstone National Park, to lay the corner-stone of the Memorial Arch, at which President Roosevelt was present and delivered an address.

30th Communication, Helena, September 16, 1903.

Frank E. Smith, G. M.

The same happy conditions apparent in public affairs are true of Masonic affairs in Montana. On visitations he says:

Upon the occasion of my installation as Grand Master I promised to use my best endeavors to visit all of the Lodges of this jurisdiction. I little appreciated the vastness of the undertaking. We only fully appreciate the geographical greatness of Montana when we have to traverse it. I find myself in a position to fully realize this every time I have to travel a hundred miles by stage to reach the railroad as my initial point from which to take the long railroad trips necessary to reach any point where there is a Lodge. I have spent four weeks of time, stolen from arduous professional duties, in visiting twenty Lodges. I only regret that my ability to make further visitations was not equal to my desires. Wherever I have been upon this mission I have met with nothing but the true manifestations of that brotherly love which should always characterize us as Masons.

The following was adopted:

That the sum of one thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be found necessary be appropriated to be expended at the discretion of the Grand Master in employing a Grand Lecturer and defraying his necessary traveling expenses, and that such Grand Lecturer act under directions of the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties.

A committee was appointed to formulate a plan upon which to conduct the administration of a Home, with power to acquire a site.

Bro. Cornelius Hedges presented his thirty-third report on Correspondence. He is the Dean of the Corps in Grand Lodges. Our first report in this line was written for the Grand Chapter in 1867, and we have been continuously engaged in writing these reports for one or other of the three Grand Bodies (and sometimes for all three) ever since. Thirty-seven years is a long time to be engaged in this work, especially in the midst of other multifarious duties of a most exacting nature, and if the reporter occasionally repeats himself it is no more than should be expected. That he should retain the interest of his readers for so long a period is surprising. Bro. Hedges has been sick nearly unto death, but we are rejoiced to know that he has recovered, and we wish for him many more years of happiness. In his notice of Canada for 1902 we find the following:

The Grand Secretary, Brother Mason, was not able to be present, and Brother Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer, served also as Grand Secretary. On the occasion of laying the corner-stone of a Burns monument in Toronto, Brother Murray furnished the address. He seems ready for any position, and is the foremost representative of the large Scotch element in Canadian society, and wherever this element abounds Masonry flourishes.

Lodges, 49; members, 3,780; increase, 227.

H. S. Hepner (Helena), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

46th Communication, Omaha, June 3, 1903.

Nathaniel M. Tyers, G. M.

With a few exceptions the lodges are in a prosperous condition and doing good work.

The Grand Custodian, Bro. Robert E. French, held 334 sessions of schools of instruction in 61 lodges, with a total attendance of 3,819. We copy the conclusion of his excellent report.

If conditions were such that these Schools of Instruction could be held longer in one place by congregating at some favorable point, a much higher grade of proficiency would be obtained. As it is, we aim to give each Lodge three days—three sessions each day—and nights. The program as arranged covers all the ritualistic work, lectures, receiving and referring petitions, reports of committees of investigation, their duties, right of objection, examinations of visiting brethren, of applicants for relief, reception of Grand Lodge officers, of visitors, explanation of honors, private, public and funeral. Our present method of checking up records and ledgers and compendiums reveals many things that should be changed. Among the most prominent points of deficiency are the compendiums, delinquent dues, lack of proficiency in the Master's degree, as well as many other items. We mention these matters only with the kindest of fraternal feelings. My earnest desire is that my work meet with your approval and that our grand jurisdiction (Nebraska), follow none, but stand in the first rank, among the leaders, in all that pertains to the practice of the pure principles of Masonry in the spirit as well as in the letter.

To the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Committee on Work, and to the legion of loyal Craftsmen, who, by their counsel, admonition and assistance

Have made the burden lighter
And the pathway brighter,

we owe a debt of gratitude that not even long life and faithful services can ever repay.

May the Master above
In his infinite love

bless you all.

On the level as brethren let us all meet
In palace or cottage or in crowded street;
At high noon or low 12, wherever we are
On land or on sea, let us "Part on the square."

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized. The

application of the Grand Orient of Argentina was laid over for further information.

The Grand Lodge was permanently located in Omaha. The following was adopted:

Whereas: There are in this jurisdiction at the present time twenty extinct Lodges, and by reason of their becoming extinct the members thereof have become members at large of this Grand Lodge to the number of 133. The great proportion of said members have neglected or refused to pay dues to this Grand Lodge, which now amount to the sum of \$4,000.00, and

Whereas, This amount is increasing from year to year, said members contributing little or nothing to the support of Masonry and are neglecting their plain Masonic duty,

Therefore be it resolved, That all dues to this Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby remitted to all members who shall during the current year apply to the Grand Secretary for a demit from this Grand Lodge for the purpose of joining some other Lodge; and

Resolved, further, That any member of this Grand Lodge from an extinct Lodge, who shall not take his demit or pay all dues due this Grand Lodge during the current year, shall have charges preferred against him by the Grand Junior Warden, in the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the brother lives, said charges to be non-payment of dues, and shall then take the course provided for in Section 307 of the Grand Lodge by-laws.

In answer to a query, the Committee on Jurisprudence correctly replied as follows:

In the case of a visiting brother, Masonic information is only obtained by sitting in Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge for the purpose of examination.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1902.

Lodges, 234; members, 13,624; increase, 509.

Frank E. Bullard (North Platte), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

39th Communication, Virginia City, June 9, 1903.

A. O. Percy, G. M.

From the eloquent address of the Grand Master we take the following extracts:

Since our last communication Masonry's Star has blossomed gloriously in the eternal fields of Light that lie around the footstool of their Creator. From every jurisdiction, the world over, come glad tidings of advancement. Here, at home, the same successful progress is Masonically manifest, while in the material world not for twenty years has Nevada's outlook been so brilliant. Irrigation promises that soon her desert

plains shall wave with yellow grain, and her porphyry hills and mineralized slopes have already, with vigor new, commenced to pour their gold and silver treasure into the lap of honest toil. Brothers, in this expansion of prosperity, in this our time of rejoicing, let us not be forgetful of the great possibilities for good that we, as a band who have pledged our fealty at the sacred altar to the promotion of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, can accomplish. Let us remember that Masonry is love, and as such is wielding a wondrous force in uplifting and sustaining civilization in her onward march. Its plastic power, silently working for the pure and good in the lives of men, is incapable of being measured. Therefore, my brethren, have due regard for the responsibility of the individual. Strike down selfishness, let us carry our precepts into our daily lives, stand steadfastly for the purity of our brotherhood, and with our arms filled with the sweet love-flowers of Charity make our way among the press and throng o all who cry out for Love, Relief and Truth. Thus, and thus only, can Masonry be kept a power for good, its progress unchecked and its glory undimmed. * * *

It affords me great pleasure to report that the Constituent Lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition; that they have performed more work, and although their loss by death and dimissions has been quite large, still the net gains are much larger than for many years. Lodges that have been comparatively dormant have taken on activity and added materially to their membership, and above all, that perfect harmony prevails in their internal affairs, that in their intercourse with each other as members, they are ever mindful of the three great tenets of a Mason's profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and as a consequence the needy and distressed of their members are afforded ready relief.

Two Grand Lodges in Mexico were recognized.

Bro. E. D. Vanderleith reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 21; members, 944; increase, 40.

Trenmor Coffin (Carson City), G. M.

C. N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

36th Communication, St. John, August 25, 1903.

Arthur I. Trueman, G. M.

Harmony and goodwill prevail. No question of discipline or unpleasantness came before the Grand Master. We quote part of the remarks of the Grand Master on his visitations:

Believing that the visitations of the Grand Lodge Officers to the Subordinate Lodges are productive of much good to the Craft, I have during the past year made official visits to those Lodges which I did not have an opportunity of attending during my first year of office. The work of conferring the sev-

eral degrees has in many cases been exceedingly well done, and I am pleased to be able to report that the ritual is well preserved throughout our jurisdiction. Faithful and zealous members are to be found in the territorial district of each Lodge, who take pride in knowing the ritual, and pleasure in imparting it to their brethren. This is as it should be. One earnest and willing worker in each Lodge can do much to maintain the ancient landmarks, and it is my experience that the sacrifice of time which he may be called upon to make is fully appreciated by his brethren.

A proposal to amend the Constitution so as to allow dual membership was affirmed, but referred to the Board to examine its bearing upon other sections of the Constitution.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the thanks of Grand Lodge be passed to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario for its gift of the "History of Freemasonry in Canada," and also to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for the bronze medal commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of its formation.

A proposal to have a report on Correspondence was referred to the Board to report next year. The expense seems to be the trouble.

Lodges, 35; members, 2,067; increase, 73.

Arthur I. Trueman (St. John), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

114th Communication, Concord, May 20, 1903.

Harry M. Cheney, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. Joseph Kidder, an old and highly respected member, and Grand Treasurer for nearly 30 years.

The past year was of extraordinary interest on account of the many occasions which called for the assembling of the Grand Lodge. The two most important events were the laying of the corner-stone of their new Masonic Home and its recent dedication. The latter occasioned great joy to all, because then was realized that which they have been discussing and planning for upwards of 20 years.

Bro. A. S. Wait has another of his high-class reports on Correspondence. In his review of British Columbia he has the following on lodge membership:

We have never regarded the clause of the ancient charges respecting the duty of a brother to belong to some Lodge, here alluded to by the Grand Master, as it all mandatory, or any-

thing more than the mere opinion of the compiler. While membership in a Lodge is doubtless indispensable to the rights and privileges of the Lodge, non-affiliation merely cannot, in our opinion, deprive a brother of the rights and privileges in general of the fraternity.

If Bro. Wait is correct in the following remarks, a Grand Lodge has no power to say with whom its members shall associate as Masons, and non-recognition becomes more or less of a farce:

We declared many years ago, in several of our early reports, long before the trouble arose with the Grand Lodge of Washington concerning negro Masonry, that the mere withdrawal of recognition from a Grand Lodge by another did not and could not affect the legitimacy of the individual Masons of the two jurisdictions as between themselves. We have never changed our opinion upon that subject, and have no doubt today of its soundness. It is at war with every principle of Masonry, as well as of common sense, that a Grand Lodge, because it chooses to withdraw diplomatic intercourse from a sister Grand Lodge, should assume the authority to deprive its membership of their status as Masons. Nor has it the right to deprive its own membership, for that or any other reason, of their privileges to associate with legitimately made Masons anywhere, to receive from them and extend to them, the intercourse, the relief and the hospitalities of the Fraternity.

Canada for 1902 has a good notice.

We quote the following from his review of Wyoming:

Under Iowa, Bro. Kuykendall disclaims the belief that the organization of the Grand Lodge of England was "the very beginning" of our speculative Masonry, though he still insists that speculative Masonry did not antedate that organization any great length of time, and affirms that he has not read anything to clearly demonstrate that it did. He says, and with truth doubtless, that "the earmarks of operative Masonry permeate what are termed the old charges throughout." But we may be permitted a far less ready assent to the conclusion he draws from that fact, that it shows clearly "that no speculative organization prior to said Grand Lodge had formulated anything of a speculative character prior thereto." Nor do we readily accede to the proposition with which he closes the discussion, that, "While there might have been a crude ceremony and equally crude form of recognition for some time prior thereto, that organization was really the beginning of our speculative Masonry." There is nothing in the history of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, nor in the traditions concerning that event, that indicates that the fundamental principles or the usages of the institution were changed at the organization of that body, nor is there anything to indicate that such was the purpose of that organization. But the evidence all is that it was a conservative movement to preserve and perpetuate the institution, and with that view its landmarks were declared irrevocable and perpetual, and its body of principles not subject to modifica-

tion or change by any man or body of men. We quite agree that the Masonic ritual has in later times been to some extent elaborated, we believe corrupted, to suit advanced ideas, as well as the whims of meddlesome dispositions. We are not convinced that a society assuming such prominence as to attract the attention and awaken the jealousy of ruling classes was held together, and maintained its existence and distinctive identity, by "a mere crude ceremony and equally crude form of recognition." We do not readily credit that Elias Ashmole, the greatest antiquary and among the most accomplished scholars of his time, in 1646, more than seventy years before the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, sought to identify himself with a society of mere operative laborers, having nothing to recommend it but crude ceremonies and equally crude form of recognition. We are not ready to assent to the idea that a ritual especially preserving and perpetuating the memory of the archaic fact of the adoration of the sun by Moses and the children of Israel in Egypt, and until the giving of the law upon Sinai, was an invention of 1717, or any later time, by a society thus truly described. The records, it is true, have not been well preserved, and obscurity involves the progress of our institution, but internal evidence discloses to the careful student an antiquity of Masonic ritual ages anterior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,584; increase, 104.

Harry M. Cheney (Lebanon), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

116th Communication, Trenton, March 11, 1903.

W. Holt Apgar, G. M.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present, including the Grand Masters of Delaware, New York and Pennsylvania.

The Grand Master instituted what he calls Social District Grand Lodges, to replace the social features of the former Grand Lodges of Instruction. These meetings were held in all but two of the 15 Masonic Districts and were well attended. The proceedings consisted mainly of short addresses upon Masonry and prominent features of the work in New Jersey.

Their Masonic Home has 55 inmates, including nine children. The net cost of maintenance for the year was \$12,232.97, or \$250.02 per capita. An assessment of \$2 per member was ordered to provide funds for the erection of an Orphanage.

The Committee on Landmarks presented the following, saying that they "are all your committee has been able to discover fulfilling all the requirements of Landmarks":

God—

1. Belief in God as the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

The Great Light in Masonry—

2. The acceptance of the revealed Word of God as the rule and guide for our faith and practice, and its visible presence in every Lodge.

The Grand Master—

3. The Grand Master is elected by the Craft, and holds office until his successor is duly installed. He is the ruler of the Craft and is, of right, the presiding officer of every assemblage of Masons as such. He may, within his jurisdiction, convene a Lodge at any time or place and do Masonic work therein; may create Lodges by his warrant, and arrest the warrant of any Lodge. He may suspend, during his pleasure, the operation of any rule or regulation of Masonry not a "Landmark." He may suspend the installed officers of any Lodge and reinstate them at pleasure, and is not answerable for his acts as Grand Master. He may deputize any brother to do any act in his absence which he himself might do if present.

The Lodge—

4. A Masonic Lodge must have a Master and two Wardens, and when convened for Masonic work must be duly tyled.

The Candidate—

5. No person can be made a Mason unless he be a man, free-born, of mature and discreet age, of good character and reputation, and having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art or of being advanced to the several degrees, nor unless he apply for admission without solicitation and take upon himself the Masonic obligations. Nor can he be admitted to membership in a Masonic Lodge except upon a secret ballot by the brethren of the Lodge.

The Brethren—

6. Masons, as such, are equal; possess the right to visit every Lodge or assembly of Masons where their presence will not disturb the peace and harmony of the same, and to appeal to the General Assembly of Masons, or its substitute, the Grand Lodge, whenever aggrieved by any act of a Lodge.

Masters and Wardens—

7. The Master of a Lodge, before his election as such, must have served as a Warden. He and the Wardens are elected by the members of the Lodge, but hold their offices, by virtue of the warrant of the Grand Master, until their successors have qualified. They are his representatives in the Lodge, and are not, therefore, responsible to the Lodge for their official acts, nor can they be tried or disciplined by the Lodge during their term of office.

Jurisdiction—

8. Every Mason, for Masonic purposes, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides.

Secrecy—

9. The legend of the third degree; the means of recognition;

the methods of conferring degrees; the obligations of those degrees and the ballot of every brother are and must continue to be inviolably secret.

Degrees—

10. Ancient Craft Masonry includes only the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees.

Bro. Charles Belcher reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

117th Communication, March 9, 1904.

W. Holt Apgar, G. M.

We quote part of his remarks on visits and social lodges:

About the usual number of visitations to the various Lodges were made by the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Officers. They have been most delightful and most fraternal.

The spirit of Brotherhood carefully nurtured in the past, has grown into such a broad oak, that its sheltering branches extend over and protect, in the highest degree, the members of the Craft in this State.

Not an unpleasant incident has occurred in all these gatherings; but, to the contrary, the spirit of brotherly love and affection has been most manifest and has filled the hearts of all with good cheer and appreciation. Surely we may say of the Masons in New Jersey that they have been and are to-day indeed a happy family. * *

During the year several Social District Grand Lodges were held, and have, from the manner in which the brethren expressed themselves, been of much benefit and general interest to the Craft. I believe I am not wrong in saying that an era of good feeling has spread over the whole State. This does not mean that there was not peace and harmony among the Lodges and Craft in the State, but rather that because of the opportunity of contact in the social gatherings, interchange of visits and the general good feeling existing between the brethren from all parts of the State, a greater community of interest has arisen and dissipated somewhat the ideas of section.

Bro. Apgar exercised his prerogative of making Masons at sight, and thereby gave the brethren an object lesson on the autocratic power of their presiding officer. He conferred the three degrees in one night on two gentlemen, and a week later on another. The Grand Lodge had nothing to say on this subject. It appears to have been taken for granted that the Grand Master had the power and there was nothing to criticize.

Bro. Charles Belcher finished his report on Correspondence in December and died the following February. Bro. Belcher was Grand Master in 1895. He was a man of great ability and highly esteemed.

Lodges, 174; members, 22,102; increase, 1,751.

John H. Wilkins (Newark), G. M.

Thos. H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

26th Communication, Albuquerque, October 19, 1903.

E. A. Cahoon, G. M.

The Grand Master visited several of the lodges and found them in prosperous condition. Domestic affliction and business duties prevented him from visiting all.

On the recommendation of Bro. W. H. Seamon, who knows more about Mexican Masonry than any one outside of that country, the former recognition of the Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua was withdrawn. He also recommended that the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico should be deferred until it becomes a Grand Lodge of the York Rite with Americans in control. On the same subject, in his report on Correspondence, Bro. Seamon says:

While the laws of Valle of Mexico are of York form, yet if the pretensions of the body are true, there is a big majority of Scottish Rite lodges in it, all composed of Mexicans. We therefore are compelled to consider it a Scottish Rite Grand Lodge standing on the same footing as the other Mexican bodies. We believe that there are more Americans and Englishmen in the York Lodges of Valle of Mexico than there are Mexicans in the Scottish Lodges, but notwithstanding Valle of Mexico is controlled by Mexicans. We wish to see the brethren of our own Rite in control in order that we may rest safely in confidence that the Masonic bodies in Mexico will be regulated according to our ideas. The few Americans who have any voice in Valle of Mexico seem to feel that they have a right to control the Lodges of the Scottish Rite and that the two Rites can work harmoniously side by side under the same government. We do not agree with their belief, and also feel that they should not receive encouragement in their efforts. We contend that a body having a large majority of Scottish Lodges under it, is in fact a Scottish Grand Lodge, even though it may have adopted a York constitution. You cannot change a "cow" into a "horse" by passing laws for that purpose.

Canada for 1902 appears under the head of "Ontario."

Lodges, 21; members, 1,231; increase, 98.

J. C. Slack (Clayton), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1902, to June, 1903.

Four quarterly and two special meetings.

Their status is thus summarized:

The total number of Lodges in active work is 189, an increase of three during the year.

Subscribing members number 9,378, an increase of 566 since last report.

Grand Lodge Fund, increased by £495 to £3,031.

Benevolent Fund, increased by £813 to £9,145.

Freemasons' Orphan Society, increased by £579 to £24,699.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, increased by £529 to £7,167.

New South Wales, the oldest State in the Commonwealth of Australia, covers 309,175 square miles, and the Lodges are fairly well distributed throughout the entire area. Those at Broken Hill, in the west, are 850 miles from the metropolis, but are only accessible by a journey through other States of about 1,400 miles.

The Lodge farthest north is at Murwillumbah, distant 340 miles, and south at Bombala, 200 miles.

The territory is divided into metropolitan and 23 county districts, under inspectors, whose quarterly reports will be found embodied in these proceedings.

The regular meetings of the Grand Lodge are held at the Masonic hall, Castlereagh street, Sydney, to which all correspondence should be addressed.

From the short address of the Grand Master, J. C. Remington, we take the following:

Let us strive to be worthy of our destiny! Subjects of a great empire, citizens of no mean city, living in this free southern land, we have a glorious future before us, despite the trials and hardships through which so much of Australia, and especially our own State has been passing, but which only seem to bring out in stronger relief the heroic endurance with which the country encounters drought and its consequences.

It is surely noteworthy that not only is the State revenue larger by far for the financial year just closed than ever before, but that such a purely voluntary association as Freemasonry, dependent as it must be to a great extent on the prosperity of its members, has made such strides during the twelve months as I recounted to you at our annual meeting in June.

It augurs well for any State when so many of its men can find time and money to support an institution whose aims are neither political or commercial, but simply, as our ancient ritual has it, to unite in the grand design of being happy and conferring happiness on others: with as its basic principles—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

A resolution was passed in 1899 disapproving of attending church services in regalia. A motion was made that this resolution be rescinded, but it was lost by an overwhelming majority.

On their relations with Scotland the following appears:

Scotland has, as I hinted in my last address, given a well

merited snub to two or three unquiet spirits who appear (though we have no official knowledge of their actions) to still dream of setting up some rival jurisdiction here. At the Grand Lodge which met in Edinburgh on the 6th November last, the following report by the Grand Committee, dated 23rd October, 1902, was read and adopted:

"The committee having carefully considered the subject, felt that the application could not be entertained, in respect that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had recognized the Grand Lodge of New South Wales as a sovereign Masonic power, which had absolute control over the affairs of Freemasonry in that district, and was entitled to administer them absolutely."

Bro. Remington is sound on the prerogative question:

One of my predecessors held that the Grand Master's power was by dispensation to render an act lawful which would be unlawful without it. My own views have always been that where the Constitutions clearly make certain procedure contingent upon the Grand Master's approval, or where they are absolutely silent on the subject, he must exercise his discretion in granting or refusing a dispensation. But that when the Constitution states or implies that certain procedure is unlawful, the Grand Master is bound by its provisions and ought not to exceed them.

The following resolution was adopted:

This Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Freemasons of New South Wales, and in the name of our common humanity, express its horror at the recent persecutions of the Jews in Russia, and its earnest hope that the universal protest of all classes may find a hearing from his Imperial Majesty the Czar.

Canada receives most courteous and fraternal mention in the report on Correspondence by Bro. William H. Shortland.

Bro. John G. Moon, who reviews Minnesota, has the following on the temperance legislation of some of the States:

The efforts of the Grand Lodges of America to promote temperance are certainly to be praised: but, in the opinion of the writer, they go too far or not far enough; if the substituted resolution is in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks, which "stipulate that it is the man and not his calling is to be regarded." Why did not the Grand Lodge of Minnesota declare that not only the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, but the drinking of the same as a beverage rendered membership ineligible? It would have been consistent and putting in practice the legitimate conclusion. We think the abuse, and not the use of things, is to be condemned. In our own Grand Lodge we have at least two Lodges which by their voluntary act refrain from the use of such beverages, and in our whole territory not a single member will be found justifying an excess of the use of the same. The writer has met

many Masons from America whose views upon these matters coincide with his own.

He also says, on the subject of Homes, that their system of paying annuities up to \$250 per annum, and leaving the aged Masons to live with their families and friends has been found by experience to be of the most beneficial character.

The Freemasons' Benevolent Institution has 35 annuitants on its books. The income in 1903 was £1,422, and the funds on hand, £7,167.

J. C. Remington (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

123rd Communication, New York, May 3, 1904.

The Grand Master, Elbert Crandall, was absent through illness. On the work of the year the address says:

More than ten thousand names have been added to the roll-call of the Fraternity during the year 1903. Not only have the Lodges in large cities been blest with substantial acquisitions to their numbers and enjoyed a year of almost unprecedented prosperity, but the outlying Lodges also in the sparsely settled districts of the State have met with a comparatively like success.

Only once in the history of the Grand Lodge have there been as many initiations in one year as have taken place in the year now closed. I have reason to believe, and I take pleasure in reporting, that notwithstanding this great increase in numbers, exceeding care has been displayed by the several Lodges in admitting only those absolutely worthy to share the privileges of the Craft.

The utmost harmony prevails, and the genuine spirit of rivalry of who best can work and best agree is everywhere manifested. The work of the year may indeed be designated as one of peace and concord.

The Home at Utica has 300 inmates, and the current expenses were nearly \$60,000.

The Grand Historian presented a large number of historical sketches of lodges, which are very interesting and valuable.

The Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico was recognized. The application of Cosmos in Mexico and Hayti were declined. Brazil was deferred.

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony presented his usual extensive and elaborate review of other Grand Lodges, including a large number of Grand Lodges on the continent of Europe. We note that, according to German custom,

the Masonic property of a deceased brother, his apron, jewel and certificate, are returned to the archives of his lodge. Canada for 1903 receives fraternal attention.

Lodges, 763; members, 126,177; increase, 7,992.

Frank H. Robinson (Hornellsville), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Auckland, May 5, 1903.

Herbert J. Williams, G. M.

Recognition of Costa Rica was withheld.

Grand Superintendents are to be allowed to appoint deputies in any part of a district to which access is difficult.

The dispute with Scotland still continues.

This long-standing matter is not yet finally disposed of, and has assumed a new phase.

On 12th May, 1902, we received the following letter:

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, 3rd April, 1902.

Malcolm Niccol, Esq.,

Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Wellington, N. Z.

Dear Sir and Brother: Referring to your letter of 31st January, receipt of which I have already acknowledged, I beg to state that the Foreign and Colonial Committee of this Grand Lodge has re-considered the subject, and before giving you a final answer it was thought advisable to communicate with the Provincial and District Grand Masters of the Scottish Constitution in New Zealand, which I have done to-day.

Yours very truly,

DAVID REID, Grand Secretary.

While patiently waiting for the outcome of this letter, which we confidently regarded as indicating an early settlement of the matter, we were startled by hearing from R. W. Bro. Binns, Grand Superintendent of Canterbury District, on 27th June, that it was proposed by the District Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution there to open a new Lodge in Christchurch under the S. C., to be called Ophir Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Binns was directed to address to R. W. Bro. Douglas, District G. M. of the Scottish Constitution, a letter of protest and remonstrance on the grounds:

1st. That the Grand Lodge of New Zealand having been regularly established and recognized as the Supreme Masonic governing body in New Zealand, is the only authority which can legally create new Lodges.

2nd. That we are in communication with the Grand Lodge of Scotland in regard to this very question, and as the matter is sub judice it would be most discourteous and improper to proceed further until we have received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland their final answer, promised in their letter of 3rd April, 1902, copy of which was attached.

These instructions having been carried out by R. W. Bro. Binns, he reported in July that he had been informed by R. W. Bro. Dougall that he (Bro. Dougall) had written to Scotland on the matter, and would defer opening the new Lodge till September, to permit of a reply being first received from Scotland.

The following letter was then written to the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

Wellington, 5th July, 1902.

David Reid, Esq.,

Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Dear Sir and Brother: Your letter dated 3rd April, in which you inform me that before giving a final answer regarding our territorial dispute it was thought advisable by your Foreign and Colonial Committee to communicate with the Provincial and District Grand Masters of the Scottish Constitution in New Zealand, reached me on 12th May, and we were content to await your final answer.

We now learn with surprise and deep regret that while the matter is thus sub judice your District Grand Master in Canterbury, R. W. Bro. Dougall, has issued a dispensation for a new Lodge in that district, to be called Ophir Lodge.

Our officer in charge of Canterbury District has been instructed to address to R. W. Bro. Dougall a letter of protest and remonstrance, and we now appeal to you to intervene and prevent the opening of this Lodge.

We understand that it was first intended to open the Lodge during August, but that R. W. Bro. Dougall has promised to defer it till September in order that there may be time for you to cable instruction to him should you decide to abandon your claim to concurrent jurisdiction in this territory, a claim we cannot possibly admit, and which we trust your Grand Lodge will not persist in against the universal practice and well recognised custom among Grand Lodges throughout the world.

We earnestly entreat you to weigh well the consequences of your upholding your District Grand Master in this illegal and unjustifiable act, and trust you will assist us in avoiding the conflict which must inevitably ensue.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

MALCOLM NICCOL, Grand Secretary.

To which the following reply has been received:

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, 11th Sept., 1902.

Malcolm Niccol, Esq.,

Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Wellington, N. Z.

Dear Sir and Brother: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5th July regarding the proposed erection of a new Lodge in the Canterbury District of New Zealand. Your communication will be laid before the Foreign and Colonial Committee at its first meeting. Meantime I have cabled our District Grand Master to delay the erection of the Lodge and await instructions.

Yours very truly,

DAVID REID, Grand Secretary.

There the matter rests, the Ophir Lodge has not been opened, and we have had no further communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland upon this subject. * * *

The M. W. Grand Secretary said he had received a further letter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, under date of 19th March, 1903, intimating that there had been delay in replying to his letter because the Grand Lodge of Scotland had thought it desirable to communicate with its District and Provincial Grand Masters in the colony before giving a definite reply, which, however, there was every reason to anticipate, would be of a favorable nature, and he (M. W. Bro. Niccol) thought the trouble might be regarded as virtually over.

Seven new lodges were opened.

The prosperous condition of the Craft is reflected in the healthy state of the finances.

Lodges, 126; members, 6,199; increase, 462.

Herbert J. Williams (Wellington), G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Wellington), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

117th Communication, Raleigh, January 12, 1904.

H. I. Clark, G. M.

The wave of prosperity which made their hearts glad last year has not diminished, but has taken on new life. They are numerically and morally stronger than ever before.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum is nobly carrying on its good work in its care for the helpless little ones who would otherwise be thrown upon the cold charities of an unappreciative world. It was opened 31 years ago under the management of the Grand Lodge. The State gives it \$10,000 per year, and the Grand Lodge \$3,500. The lodges and other Masonic bodies also contribute. The concerts given by the singing class of the children realized over \$5,000. There are 254 children, and they run a farm, a dairy, a shoe shop, printing office, wood-working shop, school and hospital.

A committee was appointed to consider a plan for a Home for the Aged and Indigent Masons.

In his introductory remarks Bro. John A. Collins, Chairman of Correspondence, says:

The losses by suspensions for non-payment of dues, despite all efforts to arrest or reduce them, are still reported everywhere and give no end of trouble to officers of Lodges and Grand Lodges. This will go on as long as men will pay for the gratification of their curiosity. Disappointment comes to the curiosity hunter, the profit-seeker finds he has gone into the wrong market for quick returns, and the dropping out

of these is a distinct benefit to the Craft and not to be deplored. The most stringent legislation cannot make a good man or a good Mason. It is not poverty that makes the non-affiliate, but disappointment or indifference. He hasn't found what he was looking for and quits.

It is a source of satisfaction to know that the deadbeats, camp followers and deserters, numerous as they are, do not in anywise impede the progress of the great army of Freemasons who hold fast to the tenets of Brotherly Love and Relief and are giving practical evidence of their faith by their work of benevolence and tender care of the needy and helpless.

These volumes of Grand Lodge Proceedings show that immense sums of money are disbursed in aid of needy Masons, that costly Masonic Homes and Orphanages are built and maintained by many Grand Lodges, that even many weak Grand Jurisdictions have established a fund for the erection of Widows' and Orphans' Homes in the future, and that every Lodge is quietly engaged in deeds of mercy and goodness. The benefactions of Masonry are so large that even the well-informed Mason has no conception of their magnitude.

Canada for 1903 receives due mention.

Lodges, 340; members, 13,663; increase, 1,001.

W. S. Liddell (Charlotte), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

14th Communication, Fargo, June 23, 1903.

Walter L. Stockwell, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

Our Order during the past year has prospered. While it may be true that in some particular locality a Lodge has not kept pace with usual Masonic progress, the growth during the past year has been substantial. It is a matter of more than usual congratulation that, up to the present time at least, no Lodge has been compelled by any circumstance to yield its charter. That a Lodge might be asked to do so would not be at all strange if one stops to consider the size of some of the communities of our State in which Masonic Lodges are located. The time, the constant work, and the eternal vigilance and patience which are necessary to maintain a Lodge of Masons up to the standard of Masonry ought to cause the most enthusiastic Mason to question the advisability of establishing a Lodge in a small community.

The following report was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the Juvenile Ritual, desire to report that it has examined the work of Brother Frank J. Thompson, our Grand Secretary, and find the same to be excellent and well calculated to teach the young men, of whom the proposed order is to be composed, many useful and important lessons. The new order is intended to have no other connection with Masonry than to in-

culcate in its members the moral principles upon which the great Order of Masonry is founded.

We regret that so little opportunity is afforded in our Grand Jurisdiction for the new order, due to the fact that the great mass of our members are comparatively young men, and also to the lack of large cities in our young State. But we heartily commend Brother Thompson's plan to all Grand Lodges within whose bounds conditions permit of the organization of the sons and brothers of Master Masons, as outlined in the Juvenile Ritual.

Bro. Robert M. Corothers reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 67; members, 4,397; increase, 398.

James T. Blacklock (Walhalla), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

38th Communication, Halifax, June 10, 1903.

Luther B. Archibald, G. M.

Their progress during the year has been very satisfactory.

Bro. Benjamin Allen, D. G. M. of Canada, was introduced and received with Grand Honors, which were gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Allen.

On Union Lodge, No. 18, Halifax, the Grand Secretary says:

This Lodge (which you all know is composed entirely of colored brethren), has been for a long time in a most deplorable condition, many of its older and better informed members having either retired or absented themselves from the Lodge, leaving its management under the control of members nearly all of whom are quite incapable of conducting its affairs in a satisfactory manner, hence its gradual decadence, until it is now unable to get a sufficient number to attend to open Lodge.

There was only a single claim made on the Benevolent Fund during the year, and the trustees were enabled to add \$200 to the permanent investment fund.

On uniformity of work, the following was adopted:

That whereas, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is advisable that steps should be taken at this Communication to insure a greater uniformity in the ritualistic work among the subordinate Lodges;

And whereas, it is neither the desire nor the intention of Grand Lodge to interfere with the special privileges granted to certain Lodges now working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge;

Now therefore be it resolved, that a committee of three members of this Grand Lodge be appointed by the Grand Master to determine the work to be adopted and practiced by

subordinate Lodges, which shall be strictly York Rite work, and that the work so agreed upon shall be communicated to the Grand Lecturer, and shall be by him communicated to the various subordinate Lodges as opportunity may permit. The work as adopted to constitute the ritualistic work of this jurisdiction. It being, however, distinctly understood that the several Lodges entitled under their charters, or by special permission heretofore given by this Grand Lodge to use what is known as the English work, i. e., the work authorized by the Grand Lodge of England shall not be affected by this resolution.

The work agreed upon by this committee shall not be used until it has been exemplified before Grand Lodge and approved by it.

The Grand Secretary was appointed Chairman of Correspondence, with an addition of \$200 to his present salary. In his excellent report there is a good review of Canada for 1902. Noticing the reception of Bro. George J. Bennett at the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Mowbray very correctly comments as follows:

We take the liberty of stating here that the name Canada in this connection is very misleading, as it is more than probable that H. R. Highness, in paying especial honour to Bro. Bennett, assumed that he was the representative of a Grand Lodge exercising jurisdiction over the whole Dominion of Canada, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, whereas within these bounds there are seven Grand Lodges (including the one under review), each one of them having as much right to the name Canada as the Grand Lodge exercising jurisdiction in and over the Province of Ontario.

Lodges, 63; members, 3,882; increase, 162.

Hon. William Ross, M. P. (Halifax), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

94th Communication, Dayton, October 28, 1903.

W. A. Belt, G. M.

All the lodges were visited and inspected during the year. Ninety-nine per cent. are flourishing. The District Lecturers are a great aid to the Craft, and the ritual being well in hand, it is hoped that the social features will receive more attention in the future.

The Grand Master laid a large number of corner-stones. Among them were Masonic Halls, several Episcopal Churches, a Jewish Synagogue, a Universalist Church, a City Hospital, a High School, a Township Hall and a Carnegie Library.

The following report was adopted:

Whereas, the M. W. Grand Lodge Alpina, of Switzerland, continues its fraternization with the Grand Orient of France, with which no regular English-speaking Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations; and

Whereas, Upon the recommendation and suggestion of said Grand Orient of France a so-called International Masonic Congress was held by and under the auspices of the Grand Lodge Alpina, at Geneva, Switzerland; and

Whereas, At said so-called Congress the representatives of the Colored Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the pretended Worthington (Ohio) Grand Lodge, and a pretended Supreme Council of Ohio, with other clandestine or unrecognized Grand Bodies, were permitted to be present; and

Whereas, Said Grand Lodge Alpina admits in its report a knowledge that the Grand Lodge of Ohio does not recognize the said Grand Orient of France, and that our said Grand Lodge of Ohio holds the other bodies named to be irregular, unmasonic, or clandestine,

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence submits the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge Alpina, of Switzerland, near this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby instructed to officially inform said Grand Lodge Alpina that if it continues its affiliation with the Grand Orient of France and its fraternization with the clandestine and irregular bodies named herein, this M. W. Grand Lodge will withdraw its official recognition from said Grand Lodge Alpina.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham again reports on Correspondence, and continues his very valuable and instructive introductory remarks on various Masonic topics, historical and otherwise. We quote part of his mention of European Grand Bodies:

Those Grand Orients, Grand Lodges, or other Masonic bodies fraternizing with the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, however, are very justly to be discountenanced, and in this connection, in the recent convention held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge Alpina, of Switzerland, its Proceedings show that the Grand Bodies represented there not only fraternized with the Grand Orient of France, but also with the so-called African or Prince Hall Grand Lodge (colored), of the District of Columbia, and the pretended Worthington, Ohio, so-called Grand Lodge, and the bogus Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Prominent among the Grand Bodies represented may be noted the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Grand Orients of Belgium and Netherlands, neither of which, however, are now recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The prompt withdrawal of official and fraternal recognition from all those Grand Bodies that participated in that convention—knowing the character of its promoters and participants—should be done by all regular Grand Bodies. The whole scheme—even in its inception, doubtless—was one promulgated and promoted by the Grand Orient of France for the

purpose of a fraternization it could not otherwise obtain; hence the plea of a "Universal Congress," an "International Bureau," etc.

Canada for 1902 receives fraternal notice.

Lodges, 500; members, 55,065; increase, 3,691.

O. P. Sperra (Ravenna), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

12th Communication, Guthrie, February 9, 1904.

Sherman P. Larsh, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

Our marvelous growth in numerical strength, and the almost perfect accord which prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, proclaim that our noble and honored institution is keeping pace with the wonderful development of our fair, unexcelled territory, which to-day represents the most favored portion of our vast domain, attracting the attention of the world, furnishing homes and commercial pursuits of phenomenal magnitude to all within her borders.

No less than 20 new lodges were opened.

On the application of the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Brazil for recognition and an exchange of representatives, the Grand Lodge resolved that no action should be taken.

Bro. F. C. Hunt reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903.

Lodges, 111; members, 4,148; increase, 1,071.

J. Frank Mathews (Mangum), G. M.

James S. Hunt (Stillwater), G. S.

OREGON.

53rd Communication, Portland, June 10, 1903.

W. F. Butcher, G. M.

Congratulations are in order on the prevailing harmony and prosperity. The jurisdiction is so extensive that the Grand Master wisely refrained from bankrupting the Grand Lodge by many visitations. There are three custodians of the work in different districts, who spent much time in visiting and instructing the lodges.

The address of the Grand Orator, Bro. E. L. Smith, is well worthy of preservation:

The story of the oldest fraternity can never be told. Impelled by that inherent desire of every human soul for fellowship, sympathy or protection, men assembled around their

rude altars long before they learned to chisel their records on monolith or inscribe them on parchment roll.

The learned antiquary has traced the fraternal stream to the very borderland of mythology, and partly drawn aside the curtain from the ancient mysteries of Egypt, the cradle of civilized life, and classic Greece, revealing secret fraternities of scientists, philosophers and priests, guarding from the profane with zealous vigilance the knowledge of the world, and celebrating with august ceremonies their faith in the immortal life of man. No secret order in any subsequent age can compare with these mysteries of Egypt and Greece in exalted character of membership or imposing rites. From the earliest known period of their existence they taught justice, religious toleration and belief in the one true God.

In the few moments that I am to stand before you it will be impossible to refer to, much less describe, the numberless fraternities of historical mention from the Ancient Mysteries to the modern era. They reared their temples in every century, fostered learning and high ideals of life, and drew men together in fraternal fellowship. From the Ancient Mysteries we pass over a great interval to the College of Artificers chartered by Numa, Rome's second Emperor, a secret order that united architecture and geometry with religious rites and philosophies, and was the probable source of geometric Masonry and the knowledge of architecture of the Building Guilds of Europe of later years.

In the thirteenth century we find the German Wauhutte registering his vows at an altar upon which were displayed the Square and Compass, with three great attendant lights. The Book of the Law alone seemed wanting. And worthy indeed of mention are those two great semi-religious military brotherhoods, the Knights of Malta and Knights Templars, whose chivalry in defense of the weak and unprotected and whose valor and prowess on battlefield or tournament lists constitute the most brilliant chapters in the annals of the Middle Ages.

The historian informs us that these Sir Knights were wont to exchange arms and accoutrements in covenant of brotherhood, agreeing to share each other's fortunes in victory or defeat, and in all things else except the loves of their fair ladies. In these two orders were associated the bravest knights of all Europe, and their valorous deeds are celebrated in song and story. For nearly six hundred years they were in frequent conflict with the infidel hordes of Asia. They guarded the pilgrim route to Jerusalem, and wrested that holy city from the power of Islam. Being finally driven out of Palestine, they fortified Rhodes, and subsequently Malta, and "for two hundred and fifty years formed an effective barrier against those Saracen hosts that again and again threatened to overrun Europe."

But all things temporal pass away. The temples of the Ancient Egyptian Mystics at Memphis and Samothrace have been laid low, and half-buried columns alone remain as indices of former strength and beauty: the fertile corn lands of the Nile pay tribute to an alien race.

Profane hands have despoiled her sepulchers and torn from

thence her ancient kings. Even the House of the Lord, which immortalized Israel's wisest king, has yielded to the wreck of time and no longer adorns the brow of Mount Moriah.

The Roman College of Artificers has disappeared, and the knowledge of the exact sciences it so closely guarded has become the common legacy of all. The last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, the brave and chivalrous De Molay, through the machinations of the Roman Church, ever the foe to toleration and fraternity, is burned at the stake, and a craven commander surrenders without a blow the fortified Island of Malta to the arms of Bonaparte. But God-given principles never die, and the love of fellow man and the hope of immortality are eternal in the human soul.

Out from the misty past comes yet another fraternity, habilitated in the robes of the past, and teaching the same great lessons of the brotherhood of man and the never-ending life. Its web and woof are composed of many threads drawn from the fraternities of past ages: its greatest legacy, the lesson of the resurrection, the sublime tragedy of the widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali.

The Temples of Free Masonry are reared in every land; its spirit, word and work permeate every worthy modern fraternity. It is indeed the parental order of the world.

A few years since a brother craftsman, a plain mechanic, conceived the idea of adding to fraternity a beneficiary system. He formed a crude ritual and adopted the Square and Compass as the emblems of this new order until brother Masons pointed out to him this impropriety, when he substituted the Shield and Anchor. This new system found ready acceptance in the hearts of men, for it insured the protection of the humblest home. Its growth was unprecedented, and it now numbers nearly half a million loyal members. Nay, more, it has thrown off numberless branches, and to-day these fraternal beneficiary orders count on their muster roll a membership of more than six millions.

These great orders are the children of Free Masonry, and bear its impress on work and symbol. Six million beneficiary certificates, held almost universally by wives and mothers, for it has been well said "that there is no guardianship so secure, no vigilance so keen that can be thrown around the home, as that of a mother's love."

May I digress a moment and attempt to recall a beautiful allegory as I heard it fall, long since, from the lips of a chief of one of those beneficiary orders?

It is said that there was great joy in Heaven when this earth was created, over the birth of a new world, and three of Heaven's fleetest messengers were sent to bring back the most beautiful things to be found there. There was glad surprise when the first messenger returned garlanded with earth's most beautiful flowers, gathered from mountain side and from lowly vale; and there was yet greater joy when the second angel returned bearing before her one of earth's gorgeous sunsets, resplendent with changing colors of crimson and gold. But one mighty shout went up from all that heavenly host when the third angel, with white pinion, came cleaving the azure depths of the Heavens and laid at the foot

of the great white throne the most beautiful, the most precious of all that new world's creations—a mother's love.

And who shall read to us the horoscope of Masonry? What has the future yet in store for the great order, the rightful heir of the brotherhoods of the buried past? Will it descend to lower levels or rise to more exalted heights? Is it not a matter of history that the Ancient Mysteries, which for many centuries were known only to the upright and the learned, degenerated from their high estate and finally were suppressed by royal edict? To quote from the record: "Their character was entirely changed and their initiations were indiscriminately sold to every character, for a trifling fee, for that which had once been refused to the entreaties of a monarch." Let us heed well the lesson.

Masonry should never become common. Its perpetuity and its value rests upon the intelligence and moral personnel of its membership and a daily exemplification in their lives of its cardinal virtues. Let us heed well the points of fellowship, and not only put forth the hand to save a falling brother, but also to assist him to rise to higher planes of life and usefulness. Let not the rivalries of trade or the jealousies of ambition mar the environment of the Temple; and may we take to our hearts the great truth that there is no service so acceptable to the infinite God as the unselfish, sacrificing service of our fellow men. It has been said "that when God conceived the idea of making man, He called to Him the three who constantly wait about the throne, and said to them: "Shall We make man?" And Truth answered and said: 'Oh, make him not, for he will pollute Thy sanctuary.' And Justice also answered and said: "Oh, God, do not make man, for he will trample on Thy laws.' But Charity, whose other name is Love, dropping on her knees and clasping her hands, looked up through her tears and said: 'Oh, God, let us make man, and I will guide his every step.' And so God made man and said unto him: 'Oh, man, thou art the child of Charity; go, deal with thy fellows.'"

Canada for 1902 receives fraternal mention.

Lodges, 101; members, 6,405; increase, 370.

S. M. Yoran (Eugene), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At the Quarterly Communication, June 3, 1903, the following report on the establishment of additional Masonic Homes was adopted:

Your committee, appointed at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held March 4, A. D. 1903, A. L. 5903, to confer with the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction upon the subject of establishing in Central and Western Pennsylvania Homes for the care of our indigent brethren, their aged wives, widows and their orphan children, respectfully report that they have received reports from three hundred and

twenty-four Lodges, of which two hundred and eighty-one are in favor of the establishment of such Homes; and we offer the following:

Whereas, a large majority of the Lodges have acted favorably on the subject; therefore be it

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be received, and the Grand Officers and five brethren to be appointed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, be added to the committee, and the committee as thus constituted make further report as to details and financial plans at the Quarterly Communication of September next.

By his will Bro. William McClary left \$20,000, the interest of which is to be used for the support of the Masonic Home in Philadelphia, and \$30,000 for the support of an Orphans' Home, should such be established by the Grand Lodge within 20 years.

The death is announced of Bro. Michael Arnold, P. G. M., one of their most prominent members for many years, a true man and a true Mason.

They also mourn for their Senior Past Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, who was Grand Master in 1872.

In September further steps were taken for the establishment of a Masonic Home in the central part of the State.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, December 28, 1903.

Edgar A. Tennis, G. M.

In his valedictory address he says:

The greater number of members a Lodge can obtain does not of necessity make her the most useful; I fear, even at this time, more danger of some of our Lodges breaking down from having too many, than from too small a number of members. Let me also remind you that Ancient Craft Masonry begins with the Entered Apprentice Degree and ends with the Royal Arch Degree, and that so much of Masonry is pure and perfect, venerable for its antiquity, hoary with age; beyond this all is modern, new, and ornamental, adding nothing to its strength or grandeur, and may serve to subtract something from its simple and austere beauty.

Masonry needs nothing new, for her ritual is simple, impressive, unique, and sublime; her inculcations are truths—immortal truths—with an adaptability to our race that must exist until wrong is banished from the world and virtue reinstated on her ancient throne—until suffering has no want to relieve and sorrow no tear to dry.

Let no humble brother of the Blue Lodge distrust the fact that all of Masonry is contained in the three ancient degrees with the instructions of the Royal Arch, nor let him become envious of those who claim to be his superiors in Masonic knowledge, because they have affixed to their names the appellation of some presiding officer in the so-called "higher bodies;" when

these titles appear in public print they are only calculated to make the vulgar stare, and with the rightful, sensible Mason or man of the world, excite unfavorable comment.

An extensive and elaborate report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. James M. Lamberton, in which Canada for 1903 finds a place.

Lodges, 440; members, 63,097; increase, 3,271.

James W. Brown (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

QUEBEC.

34th Communication, Montreal, January 27, 1904.

John B. Tresidder, G. M.

The Craft continues to prosper. The Grand Master says:

This year has been a busy one Masonically, and it is gratifying to note that our position at the end of the thirty-third year of our existence as a Grand Lodge, is better and stronger, in good Masonic work, in numerical strength, and in financial standing, than at any other previous time in its history, as will be seen by the excellent reports of our esteemed Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, as well as those of the several Deputy Grand Masters of the various districts in our jurisdiction, which reports will be given to you for your criticism and judgment, during this session, possibly; the fact that I have found much of my time occupied with the work, and the pleasant, yet onerous duties of official visitations, accounts in a measure for the rapid passing of the time since our last annual gathering in this Temple.

The Committee on the State of the Craft reported in part:

It must be gratifying to Grand Lodge to mark the able and efficient manner in which the several District Deputy Grand Masters has fulfilled the duties of their respective offices and the unanimity with which they report upon the peace and harmony prevailing in the several Districts, also the able manner in which the various officers of Lodges, as a rule, perform their duties, as well as to the general prosperity obtaining against them.

The sum of \$350 was voted for a monument to their first Grand Master, John H. Graham.

Costa Rica and Western Australia were recognized.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented another of his interesting reports on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1903 finds due mention.

Lodges, 57; members, 4,433; increase, 242.

J. B. Tresidder (Montreal), G. M.

Will H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

At the semi-annual Communication, Bro. Rev. Hopkins B. Cady gave an address on *The Internal Dangers of Freemasonry*, from which we quote a few paragraphs:

If you should travel in the East, you would find temples and mosques that have stood for centuries; and it is said that the mortar and cement are like the granite itself and, in fact, have stood the weather and the wear and tear of centuries better than the granite. It has been the desire of masons for years to find out this composition. Much money and time have been spent, but they have thus far failed and have been obliged to confess that the masons of modern times cannot compete with those of centuries ago, and the question arises, Why? To my mind one of the reasons is this—that they were more particular about their workmen, whom they took in as apprentices and whom they advanced to fellow crafts and master masons, and thus they had the very best men that the country could produce. And this brings me to the thought that one of the internal dangers to Masonry in these times is that we are not particular enough about the men that we take in.

Masonry is popular, and dangerously so. A certain German of long ago, in naming the centuries, named the eighteenth as woman's century, and he was right, for woman never came into prominence as she did in the eighteenth century; but I think he might have called the last decade a time of organization, for the world is organized almost to death. Everyone, men and women, feel that they must join one or more societies, until now there are not enough evenings in a week to attend the meetings.

A minister was entertained over night at a home, and when seated at the breakfast table the man of the house felt that he must request the minister to ask the blessing, so turning to him he said: "We will now listen to the report of the last meeting."

With so much of this spirit in the world it is not strange that many turn their attention to Freemasonry and apply for admittance to our Lodges, and we are in danger of getting men in who are unworthy. Our examination of the candidates should be more thorough. We should not look at the numbers as much as at the character of the men. I am afraid that we sometimes let the social standing, the wealth, or the political position of a candidate warp our judgment and influence our minds. As the ancient masons took in only the best, so we should aim to accept only men of high character.

An address was also delivered by Bro. Rev. Joseph J. Woolley on *The Encouragements of Freemasonry*, in which the principal points were: "The antiquity of our Order is a pledge and proof of its continuance," "The next ground of encouragement in Masonry is in its essential character," and the next, "The character and intelligence of its members." Such is the genius and attrac-

tiveness of our Order that men of the best minds and of the most upright life desire and seek membership in it.

113th Annual Communication, Providence, May 18, 1903.

William H. Scott, G. M.

He visited all the lodges except one, and says:

I am gratified to be able to report that Freemasonry is apparently prospering in all the Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal correspondence. In our own jurisdiction the Lodges are in a uniformly good state, both in fraternal spirit and in financial condition.

There has been a good amount of work done by the Lodges, and I feel that the officers have conducted their business and performed the work of the several degrees in a dignified and impressive manner.

Lodges, 37; members, 5,883; increase, 198.

William H. Walker (Providence), G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly Communication, May 7, 1903.

Among the new lodges is one at Talana, Dundee, District of Natal.

A representative was appointed near the Grand Lodge of Liberia.

July 23, 1903.

The Grand Committee reported in part, as follows:

The committee directed special attention in each Lodge to the resolution of Grand Lodge requiring each candidate to state whether he had ever been proposed before as a member of any Lodge. They also impressed on the brethren the propriety of giving the fullest and most careful instruction to young Masons, especially to those about to go abroad. Attention was also called in every Lodge during the progress of the visitations to the advisability of taking annually a proper inventory of its effects as well as its funds. The number of intrants this year was 436, as compared with 407 last year.

Four new lodges were opened in the Transvaal.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

Half-yearly Communication, October 15, 1902.

Thanks were voted to the Grand Master for his kindness in entertaining the members of Grand Lodge at a Garden party at Government House.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 15, 1903.

Their financial position is excellent:

The total worth of Grand Lodge Funds as as under:

General Fund..	£621	19	11
Benevolent Fund..	886	17	10
Permanent Benevolent Fund.. . . .	1,157	5	10
Freemasons' Hall Property	17,956	3	11
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	£20,622	7	6

The very satisfactory position of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge is a source of congratulation. The increase in the value of the Grand Lodge Funds for the year has been £725 3s. 7d.

Forty petitioners have been relieved from the Benevolent Fund to the amount of £86 16s. during the half year.

Indigent brethren and widows whose necessities require more than casual relief, have received, during the same term, periodical assistance amounting to £102, distributed amongst thirteen applicants. The fullest investigations are made as to the merits of every case, and the funds carefully guarded against imposition.

The Grand Inspector reports the work in the lodges as very good, especially in the country lodges.

Lodges, 44; members, 2,756; increase, 83.

Sir Samuel J. Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

127th Communication, Charleston, December 8, 1903.

Walter M. Whitehead, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

I take pleasure in reporting that there has been a steady growth throughout the jurisdiction. The number of Lodges has been increased by the formation of new organizations and the revival of some that have been dormant for years. There have been many accessions to the membership of Lodges in various parts of the State, and from the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s I am informed that most of the subordinate bodies show signs of material prosperity and are advancing steadily and surely in their appointed work. I have been pleased to note on all of my official visitations that there has been manifested an eager desire to conform, as nearly as possible, to the standard work and to present it in such a manner that the true beauties of Masonry may be impressed on the mind and the real significance and grandeur of the lessons taught properly appreciated.

This Grand Lodge has never exchanged representatives with Grand Orients or Supreme Councils, and therefore declined the requests of Brazil and Costa Rica.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 197; members, 7,251; increase, 325.

John R. Bellinger (Bamberg), G. M.

Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

29th Communication, Deadwood, June 9, 1903.

Frank A. Brown, G. M.

The address is full of eloquence and energy:

The closing year has been one of great activity and prosperity. Masonically, this jurisdiction has enjoyed a full share of the material prosperity that has been the lot of our good commonwealth.

South Dakota has risen in her might and, from being the reputed home of blizzards, cyclones, droughts and all sorts of fantasies of diseased imaginations, has forced recognition as one of the grandest states of the Union. Her varied industries, her fertile acres, her numberless cattle on her broad ranges and the limitless wealth of her golden mines have enabled her people to produce more wealth per capita than any other State in this wonderfully prosperous nation. But her greatest pride lies not in the products of her fertile soil, not in her unrivaled animal industry, not in her mountains of gold, but in the character and high standard of her citizenship. South Dakota is neither the land of millionaires nor of paupers. It is true that men of vast wealth find pleasure and profit in living among us, and it is also true that the poor are always with us, but the grand fact remains that the bulk of our people belong to that great class of well-to-do, vigorous, energetic workers who do things and yet have leisure for the reasonable enjoyment of life. And, as I look about me to-day, I find in this assemblage ample proof of all that is here written.

The work is becoming more uniform, and all changes are deprecated.

Five per cent. of the gross receipts is to be set apart each year to create a fund for building quarters for their Grand Lodge Library and Grand Secretary's office.

The by-law relating to objections to advancement was amended to read as follows:

Section 67. Objection to the advancement of a brother. Any member of the Lodge may object to the advancement of a brother. Such objection, with the reason therefore, must be stated to the Worshipful Master, who may entertain it or not at his discretion, or he may lay the objection before the Lodge. If the objection is laid before the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and the same shall receive two votes in favor thereof, such objection shall be declared sustained, and the candidate shall not be entitled to advancement until the expiration of six months from the date of taking such vote.

Costa Rica was recognized, and also the Valley of Mexico.

Bro. Samuel A. Brown presented a capital report on Correspondence, and reviews Canada for 1902. On the "Old Glory" flag business he says:

We believe that the salvation Army is responsible for the introduction of the flag into such matters. We do not think that the flag is out of place in the lodge room, but we do not think that its display ought to be made obligatory. It is a beautiful thing, never more so than when seen flying in the shipping of a far distant port, and we love to see it everywhere, but it does not look to us right to require its presence in the Lodge room.

We find the following under the head of Indian Territory:

We are glad of the inference that widows and orphans have a right to demand aid. We are sorry that the Masons of low degree are not included. In ancient times, before the Master's degree was invented, it must have been a very economical thing to administer aid and assistance. We know that Brother Furman has spent a great deal of valuable time in behalf of Masonic charity, and we do not doubt that he would disregard his own limitation in actual practice. But the modern movement to strip the Mason of low degree of all rights and privileges has gone so far that we are apt to break out when the subject comes up.

On class legislation Bro. Brown says:

We do not think that class legislation is repugnant to the foundation principles of Freemasonry. Our ancient brethren excluded a class when they legislated against admission of "Stupid Atheists." We do not intend to class the liquor sellers with those, but we believe that if the Grand Lodge finds a class of men who are apt to make bad Masons, it is taking the conservative course to exclude them, and that the fundamental principles of Masonry do not forbid it.

Bro. Brown is justly severe on the "war talk" sometimes indulged in by foolish newspapers:

When the relations between us and Canada reach the point which usually brings a declaration of war we shall march to the front clothed in white gloves and aprons in tokens of our innocence and hold a Lodge of Sorrow, reading the names of all the devoted brethren who have spent their lives in teaching brotherly love. And when that Lodge is closed it will be too late for Catlings and Nordenfeldts and Maxims to harvest Masons.

Lodges, 100; members, 5,444; increase, 306.

Byron P. Dague (Deadwood), G. M.

Geo. A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

Half-yearly Communication, August 28, 1903.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

From the address we quote as follows:

It has been very gratifying to me on my return from Japan to find that the functions and duties that usually fall to the Grand Master have been so excellently carried out during my absence, by the Pro. Grand Master in the north and the Deputy Grand Master in the south. Indeed, one of the many pleasing features of the responsibility attached to my position since I have had the honor to occupy the chair, has been the interest and enthusiasm that have been manifested by the various officers of the Grand Lodge in carrying out their several duties. If it were possible, it seems that the energy that has generally been so marked in my presence has been redoubled in my absence, and the flourishing condition in which we find our Grand Lodge must in a large measure be credited to the excellent manner in which, since its inception, the various official duties of the Grand Lodge have been carried out and this, coupled with the loyalty and good-will evinced by the brethren, enabled our Grand Lodge to be worked with so much unanimity and harmony. The warm and hearty reception accorded me on my arrival at Hobart by representatives of the Craft was a most thoughtful and touching expression of the kindly feelings entertained by the brethren—feelings which deeply impressed me, and were very cordially reciprocated.

Freemasonry in Japan, while unostentatiously flourishing, is not generally recognized by the laws of the country, being at first construed by the authorities to be a secret society, but as latterly it has been represented to the Government that the real objects of our great Institution were philanthropical work and for the promotion of good-will and brotherly love, the institution is not interfered with, and is now quietly making rapid progress amongst the foreigners there, although I could not learn that any Japanese had joined the Craft. Possibly as this nation becomes more enlightened, as it is becoming every day, many of these objections will be removed, and Masonry will be just as prosperous and influential there as it is in other parts of the world.

The Board of Benevolence reported in part as follows:

Our donations to aged and distressed brethren and their widows and children have been made with as lavish a hand as is consistent with propriety, and the circumstances warranted. An aged brother, who had been receiving aid from our fund for some years past, entered into rest during the period under review; and shortly afterwards we were grieved to hear that this widow had died suddenly. Although the Board was desirous of assisting her, she preferred to maintain herself.

We are now contributing regularly towards the support of three widows of Masons, and helping to maintain a brother laid aside in a hospital by paralysis. We are also assisting

in the education of two children, besides meeting the usual calls upon our fund for brethren in distress, to whom an amount is voted according to the requirements of the case.

An appeal was recently made by brethren in Queensland on behalf of Masons who had suffered loss by reason of the cyclone at Townsville in that State. The Pro Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master, on the recommendation of the board, approved of a grant of £40 being made, and this was most thankfully acknowledged on behalf of those in distress.

A revised Constitution was adopted. One of the changes was the allowance of an appeal from any decision of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge.

There are 23 lodges; membership not given.

Hon. C. E. Davies (Hobart), G. M.

John Hamilton (Hobart), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

90th Communication, Nashville, January 27, 1904.

Edmund P. McQueen, G. M.

The Grand Master reports that the lodges generally are in a prosperous condition, and that those which are not doing well are those which have not had the benefit of the District Lecturers. On the subject of dues, he says:

I find that it is the practice of some of the Lodges to permit their members to remain for years in arrears of dues. This ought not to be, and wherever I have found a Lodge pursuing this course I have found a weak Lodge, and it will remain weak so long as this course is pursued. In the first instance, the Secretary is to blame for this state of affairs. If he would properly discharge his duties as Secretary, and require the brethren to pay promptly according to the terms of the by-laws of his Lodge, there would be no cause of complaint along this line. The Subordinate Lodges should use great care in selecting their Secretaries, and always, as far as it is possible to do so, elect men who will faithfully and promptly discharge the duties of the office. A Mason ought to regard it as a privilege as well as a duty to contribute his part to the support of the Fraternity, but if a member of the Lodge is not able to pay his dues, the Lodge should remit them; for we ought not to require a brother to pay money into the treasury when he is really in need of it for the support of himself and his family. Some weak Lodges claim that a number of their members are excused from paying their dues on account of age, although in many instances the aged members are abundantly able to pay their dues.

Although I have the highest respect for old age, and think that due consideration should be given it in everything, yet I think this practice of remitting dues on account of age is not good policy. It should not be a question of age when we come to consider the remission of dues of a brother Mason,

but it should be a question of ability on his part to pay, let him be young or old. A brother who has enjoyed the benefits, privileges and associations of Masonry during a term of long life, and is blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, ought to feel, and I believe does feel, thankful to his God, and he should dispense Masonic charity with a liberal hand.

They mourn the loss by death of Bro. B. F. Price, P. G. M., an excellent man and an eminent Mason. He was an extensive writer on Masonic subjects. His kindness of heart endeared him to all.

One of the visits of the Grand Master is thus described :

On March 27th I visited Phoenix Lodge, No. 131, Nashville. This was a called meeting of this Lodge for the purpose of this visitation, and a special programme was arranged therefor. The Third Degree was exemplified by Brother John B. Garrett, with the other officers of said Lodge, in the hall of the Grand Lodge, this degree being conferred upon Brother Jos. W. Byrns, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives. The first section was conferred by brethren in full evening dress, and the second in Oriental costumes. There were present upon this occasion five hundred and forty brethren, including sixty-three members of the State Legislature, Hon. James B. Frazier, Governor of Tennessee, and Hon. James D. Richardson, member of Congress, and P. G. M. The work of the "twelve" could not be excelled. They were so well trained and proficient in their parts that they moved intelligently in the performance of their duties more like well-regulated machinery than like men.

I take great pleasure in stating that I have never witnessed a more complete exemplification of the work in all its parts.

Their Masonic Home has 129 inmates, and the cost of maintenance was \$44 each per annum. The children of the Home gave their usual entertainment to the Grand Lodge. This year 98 took part in the program.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers concludes his report on Correspondence with the following :

From the foregoing it appears that the Grand Jurisdictions in which the net percentage of gain has been greatest are Oklahoma, with fifteen per cent.; Washington and Wyoming, with fourteen per cent. each; Utah, ten and one-third per cent.; North Dakota, ten per cent.; Louisiana, nine and two-thirds per cent.; Indian Territory, nine and one-half per cent.; and Arizona, California and Idaho, with nine per cent. each. The lowest is New Hampshire, one and one-ninth per cent. Delaware, Massachusetts and Vermont, about three per cent. each.

The Grand Jurisdiction which has the largest percentage of Masons in its entire population is Maine, with three and one-half per cent. Vermont follows closely with three and one-sixth per cent. That which has the largest percentage

of Masons among the white males of all ages and conditions is the District of Columbia, with seven and one-third per cent. Maine follows with seven per cent., and Vermont with six and one-third per cent.

The largest percentage of Masons among the white males of voting age, the only source of Masonic material, are District of Columbia and Maine, with eleven per cent. each. Vermont follows closely with ten per cent.

Utah, though one of the highest (ten and one-third per cent.) in net gain, is lowest in percentage as compared with the entire population. Only one-third of one per cent. of its entire population are Masons; a little less than one per cent. of white males of all ages and conditions, and a little less than two per cent. of the white males of voting age.

Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, where the colored population is so large, stand low in percentage of Masons in the entire population, but when the whites are separated from the colored inhabitants, these States compare well with other Grand Jurisdictions.

Canada for 1903 appears under the head of "Ontario."

Lodges, 425; members, 18,555; increase, 724.

James L. Sloan (Linden), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

68th Communication, Waco, December 1, 1903.

W. M. Fly, G. M.

The death roll contains the name of Bro. James F. Miller, P. G. M., whose acquaintance we made many years ago. "His influence for good permeated the community in which he lived and elevated every one so fortunate as to be brought into touch with his marvelous character."

In this extensive jurisdiction they have 71 Masonic Districts, and the Grand Master thus compliments his Deputies:

I feel that I hazard nothing in declaring that no Grand Master was ever supported by a more faithful and efficient corps of District Deputies. With some 700 Lodges, composed of a membership of 35,000, scattered over the vast area of this great State, to visit and superintend, has proven a test of their unsurpassed zeal and endurance, and evidences their constancy and devotion to duty. Many have been the demands laid upon them by your Grand Master, and in no single instance have they failed to respond promptly and cheerfully. Their work in every instance testifying to their intelligence and information concerning their duty in the execution of Masonic law and usage. Through them, in the main, I have been able to gather the true status of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction and makes it possible for me at this time to assure you that the Masons of Texas are alive to the truth that the mission of Freemasonry in the world is to promote a

higher civilization, greater liberty, a more perfect equality of rights, and a fuller realization of universal brotherhood.

The Grand Master declined to sanction laying the corner-stone of a jail, or of any frame buildings, and says:

While the only limit placed by our jurisprudence upon the "laying of corner-stones" is to be found in resolution in the appendix of our printed proceedings, where it treats alone of ownership, I have never seen the consistency in Masons laying the corner-stones of frame buildings. I know that in adhering to this view I have departed from a policy of long and almost unbroken precedence in this Grand Jurisdiction, but not without hope that my course may at least invite investigation and bring about a return to the true idea upon which this time-honored custom was originally based, and as I believe should be practiced. Having its origin and descent from an association of builders gives to our Masonry symbolism peculiar and admits of no innovations.

Consistent Masonry debars the idea of action without purpose, and forever eschews the semblance of ostentation. Where is the consistency in the use of our beautiful and most instructive ceremony, framed of language most technical and requirements so suggestive, being used in placing in position the corner-stone of a mere foundation, on which is to be erected no other like material? Or what can be the meaning of the Grand Master presenting and confiding to the architect the implements of operative masonry, with full knowledge that all is a sham and these are to be substituted by the hammer and the saw? As Masons we have attributed to the leveling of the corner-stone a meaning so profound and sacred as to render its dethronement by such misuse a confession that we have bartered the simplicity of truth for ostentation and display, while the "cement of brotherly love" has given way to selfishness and insincerity. Let us return to our former moorings.

The permanent location of the Grand Lodge has been moved from Houston to Waco. The Grand Lodge Temple at Houston has been sold, and a new one is to be erected at Waco at a cost of some \$150,000.

The Masonic Home at Fort Worth is now finished in all respects and is well equipped. They have 114 inmates, and the cost of maintenance was \$134 per capita for the year.

In his review on Colorado, Bro. Thomas M. Matthews has the following:

We do not believe that simply because the Lodges forming an independent Grand Lodge had their origin from Grand Orient, or from the A. & A. S. Rite Councils, therefore per se, they may not be recognized. After having cut loose from these parent bodies, and declared themselves independent, and themselves practicing pure Craft Masonry, have united and formed, in a regular and legitimate manner, a Grand

Lodge, we can see no good reason for withholding recognition. To use, as we admit, a rather course, but expressive saying, we are willing to let "every tub stand upon its own bottom."

Like our brother, we do not believe there are in Masonry any such things as "Private Grand Honors." We have for fifty years been a Mason, and studied Masonry somewhat, and until in very recent years had never heard of them, and even now we do not know what they are. With Bro. Jenks, we look upon them as "a fad."

On the display of the national flag, Bro. Matthews says that a Masonic Lodge as such has no business with flags of any sort, and a Mason can be just as good and legal a citizen whether he makes such a display or not.

Canada is reviewed for 1902 and 1903.

Lodges, 683; members, 32,384; increase, 816.

William James (Fort Worth), G. M.

John Watson (Waco), G. S.

UTAH.

33rd Communication, Salt Lake City, January 19, 1904.

Walter Scott, G. M.

Mormonism is still the strongest element in this State, but the Craft is holding its own and making some progress under discouraging conditions. The Grand Master says:

The peculiar people, among whom it is our lot to live, with their peculiar ideas of truth, justice and morality, differing so greatly from the standard, accepted by Masons as the law of God, makes it our special duty to keep a watch upon the wall and guard well the portals, which admits men within our mystic circle. As Masons we are taught to obey the moral law, and to be good and upright citizens, obedient to the laws of the country in which we live, and any body of men, who do contrary to these principles, and advocate anything in opposition to them, have no business among us, and must be kept out of our Lodges at all hazards. While we are liberal in our ideas as to the religious faith of men, we must sternly oppose any doctrine which proposes to enslave the body and soul of men, and is opposed to the code of honor, truth and morality laid down for us by our traditions, and we have no fear but that our brethren elsewhere about the globe will understand our position and applaud our actions, notwithstanding such doctrine tries to dignify itself by assuming the name of a religion.

With all our might we should uphold our principles, but while it is our duty to combat all error and wrong, we should at all times remember that men of all creeds and opinions, however wrong and erroneous, are all children of our Father, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and that he permits no error, no wrong, no evil and no wickedness to exist, except

for some wise purpose, which we may not understand, but which our faith teaches us to believe, will lead to a final grand and good result. Our duty, however, is plain, it is to love all men, and by example convince them of the goodness of our institution, so that the name of Free Mason shall be synonymous with that of an upright and good man, always bearing in mind that our profession as Masons forbids persecution, and that errors can only be corrected by exercise of brotherly love and affection, which are of more force and effect than hatred and ill will, leaving the end of all to Him, who knoweth all and doeth all things well.

In his review of Connecticut the Grand Secretary says:

Wonder whether our friend Barlow believes that Napoleon ever made that speech as he stood on the foot of the Pyramids in Egypt, which he copies from the oration of Bro. A. L. Miller, of Washington. We read the very speech first in the address of Grand Master Max Meyerhardt, of Georgia, some three years ago, and we didn't believe a word of it then, and we do not after we have read it a third time. What did Napoleon ever care for the prosecuted and oppressed, the weak and lowly? He was born an oppressor and tyrant, his heart was as cold as ice, and not a throb of humanity was in his veins. He did not hesitate to break the heart of his wife Josephine in order to contract an alliance with an imperial house, and dared to openly insult one of the noblest women ever born, Queen Louisa of Prussia. He was false to his friends, and therefore had no real friends. He was feared, never loved. And such a man to speak of the influences of Masonry in the future. It is astonishing what nonsense some imaginary writers can scribble without the least foundation of truth. Good Masons, more especially those who have read history, should not use it in their orations or addresses.

Canada for 1903 has due mention.

Lodges, 11; members, 1,151; increase, 68.

Richard L. Conely (Salt Lake City), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

110th Communication, Burlington, June 10, 1903.

Charles R. Montague, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The condition of the Craft throughout the State is most encouraging. With but very few exceptions Lodges are in sound financial condition, doing a good amount of work, and adding to the number of good and true Masons, men who are of value as citizens in every community. But few cases of dispute have arisen between Lodges, and all such have been amicably adjusted to the satisfaction of all. With our sister jurisdictions our relations have been and are of the most cordial and friendly nature. Many courtesies have been extended to us in the way of waivers of jurisdiction, and when-

ever occasion has offered our Lodges have reciprocated promptly and cheerfully. This is as it should be—for not only in private life, but in our lodges, as such, should we at all times exemplify the golden rule “as ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them.” The generous and courteous act carries with it its own reward.

The business transacted was entirely of local interest.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902.

Lodges, 103; members, 10,647; increase, 309.

Olin W. Daley (White River Junction), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

126th Communication, Richmond, December 1, 1903.

Ed. N. Eubank, G. M.

The Grand Master reports five new lodges. We copy one of his decisions:

July 20, 1903, I decided that section 252 of the Methodical Digest, as to visiting Virginia Lodges, did not apply to brethren from Louisiana, whose Lodges were allowed to work in the Scottish Rite by the Grand Lodge of that State. That Grand Jurisdiction allows certain Lodges holding charters from it to work in that Rite, and they are under its jurisdiction and control, and as this Grand Lodge exchanges representatives with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, what is legal in that Grand Jurisdiction cannot be illegal in this; so I made the decision referred to above.

The Committee on the Address reported adversely to this decision, as follows, but the Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master:

We regret that we cannot concur with the Grand Master in his view of section 252, thus allowing brethren from Louisiana whose Lodges are allowed to work in Scottish Rite, in that State, to visit our Lodges. We are not sufficiently informed by our Grand Master of the condition of affairs in Louisiana, but we deem it our duty to enter our solemn protest against allowing any person to visit our Lodges who was not entered, passed and raised under the Ancient York Rite. As York Rite Masons, we recognize no other ritual, and we believe that any qualification or abatement of this fundamental law of the Grand Lodge would be productive of mischief.

The time of meeting of the Grand Lodge was changed from December to the second Tuesday in February.

Their Masonic Home had 53 inmates, and the cost of maintenance appears to have been about \$135 each for the past year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the Grand Secretary have printed, in large type, 1,000 copies of the list, to be furnished him by the chairman of this committee, of Clandestine Lodges, and furnish two copies thereof to each Subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction; that one of said copies be pasted in the back of the minute book of each Lodge, the other to be posted conspicuously in the ante-room, and that when a person applies for examination for the purpose of visiting, he be required to furnish in his own handwriting the name, location and number of his Lodge, and that the Secretary of the examining Lodge shall refer to the said list before the visitor is examined.

2. That the Grand Secretary, from time to time, furnish any additions to said list as the same may be reported to him by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

3. Your committee recommends that a postal card be at once sent by the Secretary of any Lodge visited to the home Lodge of the visitor, sending fraternal greetings and informing the visitor's Lodge of such visit, and if any visitor be proven to be an imposter the Secretary of the visited Lodge at once communicate with our Grand Secretary, who shall notify the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and use any other means he may deem advisable to protect the Craft from further being imposed upon by such imposter.

A list is given of all the known (white) clandestine lodges, which we here copy for the guidance of our lodges:

Illinois.—Amalia, No. 377; Immanuel, No. 357; Lafayette, No. 214; Justin, No. 204; York; Chicago.

Kentucky.—King Solomon, No. 1; Washington, No. 2; Jefferson, No. 3; Covington.

Massachusetts.—Ancient Landmark, No. 1, Boston.

New York.—Banner, No. 1; McKinley (not William McKinley), Excelsior, International, Benjamin Franklin, Progressive, Triune, Atlantide (by Gr. Or. France), New York.

New Hampshire.—Gentile, U. D., East Manchester.

Oregon.—Baken, No. 55 (mixed negroes and whites), Marshfield.

Ohio.—Ahiman, Newark; Alliance, Alliance; Alpha, Cleveland; Bismark, Cincinnati; Brighton, Cincinnati; Columbia, Columbus; Dumah, Springfield; Eureka, Cincinnati; Franklin, Columbus; Gem City, Dayton; Globe, Toledo; Hiram, Canton; Independence, Youngstown; Lessing, Toledo; Lincoln, Toledo; Lincoln, Cleveland; Lincoln Goodale, Columbus; Linton, Cincinnati; Massillon, Massillon; Mt. Tabor, Chillicothe; Myrtle, Mt. Vernon; New England, Worthington; Olentangy, Columbus; Painesville, Painesville; Progress, Cleveland; Salem, New Salem; Scioto Valley, Portsmouth; Surprise, Olmsted Falls; Summit, Akron; Victor, Cleveland; Vinton, Galloway; Washington, Cincinnati; West Mansfield, West Mansfield.

Pennsylvania.—Accacia Lodge, No. 44, McKeesport; Accacia Lodge, No. 252, Philadelphia; Agora Lodge, No. 6, Bethle-

hem; Abraham Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, Philadelphia; Christopher Columbus Lodge, No. 188, Philadelphia; Federal Lodge, East Mauch Chunk; Harmony Lodge, Pittsburg; Hiram Lodge, No. 250, Philadelphia; Jupiter Lodge, No. 249, Philadelphia; Jerusalem, No. 247, Philadelphia; Liberal Lodge, No. 9, Siegfried; Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 256, Philadelphia; Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 251, Philadelphia; Pennsylvania Lodge, Allegheny City; Pilgrim Lodge, Allentown; St. John's Lodge, Weissport; William McKinley Lodge, No. 264, Philadelphia; Washington Lodge, No. 244, Hazleton; Evergreen Chapter (Rose Croix), Philadelphia.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston has an excellent report on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903. On Masonic charity he well says:

Masonry is not charity, organized or unorganized. It does seem hard to keep our ancient institution from degenerating into an imitation, and a feeble one at that, of modern insurance societies. Masonry inculcates charity, and practices charity, and while it is true that it is the chief round in our ladder, it is never compulsory, or it would no longer be Masonic charity. Masonry makes men better men, and hence more charitable men; but once make their charity perfunctory, and you kill its effect on our membership. Masonic charity must ever be voluntary and from the heart, or it fails of its greatest good—viz., that of softening the heart from which the impulse springs. We have elsewhere in this report dwelt on the business features of the Wisconsin-California idea, so will say no more, except that we of the East should be ever ready to help our brethren who fall into distress in the West, when their cases are reported to us, and I believe we are.

Under Connecticut, we find the following:

Bro. Barlow's Foreign Correspondence report is for our uses the whole show. He vigorously defends the Eastern Star, not as Masonry, but as Masonic, and in every way admirable. If women in Connecticut and elsewhere are sufficiently different from what they are in Virginia, it may be all that is claimed for it. With us they have some peculiarities which unfit them for an order based on the idea of equality. If there is one thing dearer to a Virginia woman's heart than all else, it is her real or imagined superiority to other women. We have never joined the order, but feel convinced that Virginia women will never meet on the level.

Lodges, 274; members, 15,001; increase, 698.

Thomas N. Davis (Lynchburg), G. M.

Geo. W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

46th Communication, Seattle, June 9, 1903.

John Arthur, G. M.

His address is decidedly one of the best of the year.

Bro. Arthur is evidently a thorough Mason, of great ability and sound judgment. We quote as follows:

I am gratified to report to you that "the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction" is satisfactory in the highest degree. Peace, harmony, prosperity, fraternal zeal and a rapid increase in membership are the features which distinguish more than nine-tenths of our Lodges. Even in our large towns, where there are altogether too many organic divisions of Masonry, the Craft Lodges are flourishing. They would be far stronger, in many essential respects, if they were not subjected to a steady drain in the direction of the concordant Orders which take the Craft Lodge as their foundation and starting-point. Symbolic Masonry is greatly weakened by this blood-letting process. Where Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Lodges of Perfection, Consistories and Mystic Shrines abound, the Craft Lodge is bled at every pore. No sooner has an intelligent and promising brother received the degree of Master Mason than he is set upon by the zealous members of these concordant Orders and lured away from his Lodge, before he has acquired even the most rudimentary knowledge of Masonry; and the probability is strong that he will live and die in almost total ignorance of the history, symbolism, mission and philosophy of this ancient and noble institution from which he was prematurely torn by misguided zeal, by the superficial appearance of greater gentility, and by more sonorous titles and garish uniform. The Craft Lodge is thus used as a training-school for the various off-shoots of Masonry. This diversion and cleavage went so far that in large numbers throughout the United States the devotees of these off-shoots surrendered their Craft Lodge membership; and the evil became so glaring that a few years ago the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States adopted a by-law under which all who have lost their membership in either Craft Lodge or Royal Arch Chapter cease ipso facto to be members of the Commandery. The obligation taken by the initiate in one of these off-shoots binds him to show more favor to a fellow-member than to a Master Mason. In the Installation Ritual of another off-shoot the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry are spoken of as "the preparatory degrees." It is the victims of this folly who scarcely ever attend the burial of a Master Mason; and it is their bad example and false notions that are responsible for the sorry spectacle, often witnessed in our cities, of a Masonic funeral, consisting of half a dozen humble, unpretentious, undrilled and indifferently-clad brethren, whose hearts beat true but whose social position is apt to convey to the public the impression that Masonry has lost its old rank and station in the world and is no longer a brotherhood possessed of profound mysteries and vast indefinable power. One compact organization of Masons, led by the foremost men of the land, as in the early days of our Republic, would be infinitely more effective for good than the widely-scattered fragments of Masonry which now make such unreasonable demands upon our time and our purses. In unity is strength; but I can imagine nothing more hopelessly dis-

united than our latter-day American Masonry. Having long been a Knight Templar and a Master of the Royal Secret, and having even presided over a Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, I feel at liberty to express to a Grand Lodge of Masons my heartfelt sorrow that we ever allowed a childish longing for feathers and titles to destroy the democracy of our Fraternity and convert it into a system of castes more complex than those of Ormus and of Ind. In the country Lodges, where this disruption has not taken place, I am delighted to find the realization of our ideals; there the Craftsmen dwell together in unity, and Masonry is a potent influence in the cultivation of brotherly love, in the administration of relief in all proper cases, and in the inculcation of truth as a divine attribute at the foundation of every virtue.

The semi-centennial of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, at the home of the Grand Secretary, was a great success, addresses galore and all good, and music and other incidentals in plenty. The reminiscences of the Grand Secretary are particularly interesting.

Bro. Thomas M. Reed has been Grand Secretary for more than 40 years, and the Grand Lodge voted him \$1,000 as a slight recognition of his services, which were for the most part rendered for small compensation.

Bro. William H. Upton reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1902. On parading in regalia, he says:

It seems to us that, to a well-ordered Masonic mind, few things can be more displeasing than the way all, or nearly all, of the "Concordant Orders" seek to advertise themselves by pushing in with their fuss and feathers, and getting before the public eye, on every possible occasion. Always barring the Eastern Star—which has no rival—so far as our observation goes, the Knights Templar are the worst offenders in this regard, with the Scottish Rite a close second. These Orders either "tender their services" or fish an invitation from an obliging Grand Master; and then cast aside their Masonic clothing, don their unsel regalia and lend the weight of their influence to encourage young Masons and the general public to suppose that the plain lambskin apron is but a badge of inferiority and that "Jerry Jackson Jason, only a Master Mason," is nobody at all. We are not criticizing all, or even a large proportion of the members of these Orders—many, even of those who take part in these frivolous parades, regard them with disgust. Nor are we referring to the Orders in any one State. In Washington, only a few days ago, when President Roosevelt assisted Grand Master Arthur in laying a corner-stone at Tacoma, the same humiliating spectacle was presented—a large gathering of one of these Orders turned out in regalia and with drawn swords to act as an "escort" to the Grand Lodge—to the delight of the small boy and the regret of thoughtful Masons. Neither Masonry nor a Grand Lodge of Masons needs an "escort,"

either of "Knights" and "Princes" or of any other kind; and, in our opinion, the Mason who is not willing and content to turn out, at any public appearance of the Fraternity, clothed in the lambskin apron and white gloves of a Master Mason, reflects most honor upon the Fraternity when he stays at home.

We also quote some of his remarks on Pennsylvania:

We always find it more difficult to draw from the Pennsylvania Proceedings as much instruction for our brethren as we otherwise might do, because of the fact that Pennsylvania Masonry differs in many respects from anything found elsewhere. No one will acknowledge this more quickly than the Pennsylvania Mason, and he will, as a rule, add that it is because Pennsylvania alone has adhered to the ancient usages of the Craft. On the contrary, we believe Masonic usages to be on a less stable foundation in Pennsylvania than almost anywhere else, and that in some respects Pennsylvania Masonry has slowly drifted farther from ancient usages than in some other jurisdictions. The reason for this is not far to seek: It lies in the fact that it has no fixed standards. It has an Ahiman Rezon; it, doubtless, acknowledges the existence of immutable landmarks; but it sees in its Grand Master, in all things Masonic—and sometimes in things over which Masonry has no proper jurisdiction—an absolute autocrat whose will is the law and whose opinions are authoritative as to what the Ahiman Rezon or the Landmarks mean, as upon all other subjects. Let not the reader think that we have a grievance, or that we exaggerate. We are simply pointing out the fact that in Pennsylvania the Grand Lodge does not claim the right to reverse or overrule the Grand Master. The brethren there hold that his decisions can be reversed by succeeding Grand Masters only. Pennsylvania has had most respectable, and in many instances most able Grand Masters. But man is not infallible. Nullus est in omne parte beatus. "All men are not in all respects wise." A Pennsylvania Grand Master makes an erroneous decision or pronounces an absurd dictum. The Grand Lodge may look wise, but it has nothing to say about it. Twenty years may elapse before the point is raised again; and by that time the error has the respectable odor of antiquity, and he who seeks to have a new Grand Master rule correctly on the point is, as likely as not, told that the other is the "old rule" and "has always been the law in Pennsylvania." After that, "though one rose from the dead," it would be next to impossible to shake a Pennsylvania Mason's conviction that the innovation was not only the correct usage but an immemorial one. We were reminded of this a few years ago when curiosity tempted us to trace the history of some peculiar Pennsylvania usages, and we found that in two or three cases exactly the contrary usage prevailed in Pennsylvania, as elsewhere, twenty-five to forty years earlier. Others have observed the same thing. We were reminded of it again when we noticed that Bro. Lamberton, in his correspondence report in the volume before us, referred to the dogma of perpetual jurisdiction as "the old way." The dogma is strictly a modern innovation, and

was unknown in Pennsylvania or elsewhere two generations ago.

Lodges, 121; members, 7,056; increase, 851.

Charles D. Atkins (Tacoma), G. M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly Communication, Boulder, October 24, 1902.

J. W. Hackett, G. M.

At no period of their Masonic career has the work of Grand Lodge been larger or attended with more satisfactory results. Another Scottish lodge has transferred its allegiance without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. On one subject the Grand Master says:

It is right to make a reference to the growing usage of Lodges initiating candidates on the night of their election, and I would urge upon the brethren that as far as possible this practice should be discontinued. No doubt instances will arise where it will be of benefit to the Craft, and may avoid individual inconvenience, that candidates should be initiated immediately after election: but it has to be remembered that this practice assumes that every candidate will obtain admission, and in a manner fetters the action of the members of a Lodge who may be unwilling to place so great a slight on any candidate as to bring him under the very portals of a Lodge only to inform him that the ballot being unfavorable to his application to join he must leave the precincts. This is an unworthy indignity to visit on anybody who desires to join our Order.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, April 24, 1903.

The address of the Grand Master gives a clear statement of their position. We quote as follows:

On this, the third anniversary of an election to the Grand Master's chair, when our Grand Lodge has been in existence three years, I think it well to place before you a few of the results that have been achieved in our first triennial period. When the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was first organized, thirty-three Lodges acknowledged allegiance. There are to-day, if we include the Lodge of Kookynie, whose constitution is recommended by the Board of General Purposes, sixty-three Lodges, a growth of thirty in three years. At the constitution of our Grand Lodge it was difficult to estimate the number of subscribing members on account of the very unsatisfactory state of the private Lodge rolls; but a fair estimate may be set down at about 2,000. On the 31st December last there were 3,006, which may be compared with 2,684, the number of brethren at the beginning of last year, showing an increase of 322 on the rolls during the twelve months of 1902. The average membership per Lodge is fifty—a highly satisfactory figure.

finances.—As a result of our three years financial operations, the Grand Treasurer has to announce that the treasury of Grand Lodge is in a most flourishing position. The assets of the General Fund exceed its liabilities by £1,379, compared with £905 last year. The Benevolent Fund exceeds its liabilities by £1,245, compared with £981 last year, and the Freemasons' Hall Fund shows a surplus of £13,227. The total assets of Grand Lodge in excess of liabilities amount to a grand total of £15,851 13s. 10d. On the subject of finance there is one matter on which we may speak with peculiar pride. On 31st March last, when our books were closed, there was not a single Lodge among those owing allegiance which was in arrears in its dues. * * *

I have little more to say this evening; I am satisfied I express the belief of all of us when I say that no Grand Lodge in the Southern Hemisphere has a more vigorous spirit or an outlook more encouraging than that of Western Australia. Our members are rapidly growing, our finances are in an excellent position, our borders are widening, and the work of consolidating our Masonic units steadily proceeds. Strong in the allegiance of the thousands of members which we possess, in the fraternal solicitude with which we are regarded by all sister Grand Lodges of Australasia, supported and encouraged by the recognition of Grand Lodges in all parts of the Globe, we have reason indeed for confidence. For the favors we have already received we should fail in our duty if we did not express our humble gratitude to the great Architect of the Universe. May it be His wish to still further aid our labors, and to grant in the future an ever expanding sphere of honor and usefulness to the National Grand Lodge of the territory of Western Australia.

They have been recognized by 45 Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Scotland still retains its hostile position.

The Board recommended Bro. G. F. McWilliams for the position of representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, vacant by the death of Bro. P. C. J. Campbell.

J. W. Hackett (Perth), G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

39th Communication, Wheeling, November 11, 1903.
Eli M. Turner, G. M.

From the reports received it is apparent that the Craft is in a flourishing condition, that much work is being done and that the proficiency of the officers in the ritual is increasing. The Grand Master concludes an excellent address as follows:

We deal in symbols and signs and pass-words. They are to us, however, not an end, but a means. They are simply the outer door to the Temple of Truth. They are secrets, indeed, but they are of value to us only as they reveal those

higher secrets of noble living and manly conduct, which it is not only our privilege, but our solemn duty as well, to make the guiding and controlling forces of our lives. Had Masonry been nothing more and higher than rituals and passwords it had perished miserably long ago. It lives and flourishes because its principles appeal to that which is highest and noblest in human nature, and its ennobling influences are felt in the heart of every man who yields himself to their persuasive power. Let us, my brethren, apply these principles to the speculative art of building within ourselves a temple of character, whose foundation in the revelation of the Eternal God, whose walls are buttressed by the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice; within whose portals are the fountains of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, whence issue those living streams which will gladden and nourish not our lives alone, but also those around us, and make the world better because we had lived in it; a temple planned in Wisdom, supported by Strength and adorned with Beauty, imperishable as that other "Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

They have 14 districts, with a District Deputy Grand Master and also a District Deputy Grand Lecturer for each district. Their reports indicate good work. The individual lodges that receive the benefits of the lecturers pay two-thirds of the expense and the Grand Lodge pays the balance.

A committee was appointed to consider the propriety of securing a Grand Lodge Temple and thus permanently locate the Grand Lodge.

A jewel was presented to the Grand Secretary, who is one of their three oldest Past Grand Masters. He was elected Grand Master in 1876, when only 30 years of age. He has been Grand Secretary for 19 years, and Chairman of Correspondence for 18 years.

In his review of Canada for 1903 he says:

The reports of the large number of District Deputy Grand Masters are as complete as it is possible to make them. They occupy 247 pages of the volume of proceedings, and are really the most important part of the Grand Lodge record. Each report embodies the number of members of every Lodge; the number of initiations, passings and raisings; the average attendance of members at each meeting; the amount paid for relief; the amount due on dues; the number of meetings held; the value of Lodge property; the amount of insurance carried; the financial standing of the Lodge, and the efficiency of the officers. It is evident that when inspections of this character are made every year, not of part of the Lodges, but of all of them, they are bound to keep in good shape.

A very high tribute was paid by the Grand Lodge to its recently deceased Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother John J. Mason. He was a broad-minded, public-spirited man, a capa-

ble leader, a generous opponent, a devoted, unselfish friend, a constant Christian; he will be sadly missed. To his brethren his death came with a sense of grievous loss. The best known, the best loved Mason in the jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge will seem scarcely Grand Lodge without him.

On the "Home" question, under Montana, he remarks:

He is an earnest believer in Masonic Homes, and urges his brethren to not cease their labors until they get one established. Montana, like West Virginia, has been discussing a Home movement for several years, and they feel as we do down here, that they are not financially able to support one. Our two Grand Lodges are the same age, and are about in the same condition financially. In my judgment, they have both taken the wise course to move slowly on a matter of so great importance as the creation of a Masonic home. Experience shows that the rich Grand Lodges have pretty tough sledding to keep their Homes in good shape. How much more considerate and careful should the weaker Grand Bodies be before they assume the responsibility of carrying so great a load. As a matter of course, every Grand Lodge must see to it that its helpless members and their widows and orphans are properly cared for, but there are other ways than in Masonic Homes that this can be done, and is done by a number of them.

On the same very important subject we feel compelled to quote Bro. Atkinson's account of their system of providing homes for their orphans:

Brother Perkins does not agree with my suggestion that it is better to provide homes in individual families for the orphan children of Masons, instead of bringing them up in Masonic Homes, and cites the Homes in Kentucky, California, New York and other States as proof of the incorrectness of my position. I very much fear that my esteemed brother has not given much careful thought to this subject. If he will avail himself of the reports of the 25 States of the Union, which have organized within their borders Children's Home Societies, not for the purpose of gathering helpless, hopeless, hapless children together within their walls and provide them with food, raiment and teachers, but to find individual homes for them wherein they can be brought up with all of their attendant advantages, and see how nicely the plan works, he will then, I am sure, agree that Brother Atkinson knows something definite whereof he speaks.

It is the natural method of caring for the dependent orphans of a State, and it is a wonder to my mind that it is only within the past few years that it has been generally introduced. Carefully prepared statistics show that the average in all of the States is that one family out of every ten is childless, and where it is made the business of a charitable society to find these barren families, and then find the particular sort of a child that each one wants, and take the little one to that home, it simply works like a charm. In fact, it is so easily, cheaply and satisfactorily done in almost every instance, that

those who have looked into its workings wonder, as I myself have done, why this system has not been in use all over the civilized world for generations past.

I know M. W. Brother Perkins will excuse me for stating that seven years ago last May a few of us organized the kind of a society in West Virginia of which I have endeavored to describe, and I was chosen its first president, and still hold that position, and in that short period we have placed about five hundred children in good Christian homes, and in only a few instances have we found it necessary to replace any of that large number. The society retains supervision over the children and sees to it that they are properly educated and cared for, and in most cases they are legally adopted into the families where we placed them. It costs about \$5,000 a year to carry on our society, and a large part of this expense is paid by the families that secure children from us.

Our society will take the sons and daughters of all deceased West Virginia Masons, under 12 years of age, whose relatives are unable to provide for them, and will place them into well-to-do homes, at what it actually costs to find suitable places for them, and convey them thither. I do not recall a single case that the cost has been above \$50. Now, if I am correct in my statements, and I speak from nearly eight years of actual experience, would it not be cheaper, and in every conceivable respect better for the Masons of West Virginia to turn over their dependent orphans to our society and pay even the maximum of \$50 per capita, than to build and maintain a Masonic Home, and mass them together therein, where they will grow up without any knowledge of a real home or real home-life? I ask my good Brother Perkins to answer this plain, blunt question before he reaches the conclusion that the successful conducting of Masonic Homes in Kentucky, and other States, prove that I am wrong in the position I have taken in regard to the important Masonic problem. If he will examine the reports of the Grand Lodges that are maintaining Homes, he will find that it costs more than \$50 a year for each inmate, young or old, while the plan I suggest will not cost, all told, over \$50. This, however, is only the economic view of it, and it is the most insignificant part of it, when compared with other advantages given to the child by the plan I am suggesting. No one will claim that it is wise to mass children together in a Home and keep them there during the moulding or formation period, unless it is an absolute necessity so to do, in order that they may be supported and educated. If they can be brought up in properly selected individual homes it is far better in every respect.

But Brother Perkins may ask: "What are you going to do with aged Masons and their wives, who are unable to support themselves?" My answer is, care for them by placing them in private Old Men's and Old Women's Homes, which are found in perhaps every State in the Union, provided their needs are such as require them to be sent to such institutions. They can be boarded at much less expense in such institutions than they can be kept in a Masonic Home, unless, perhaps, in such States as New York, Illinois, and a few more of the more populous States, where there are a large number

of indigent Masons to provide for. Moreover, it is a very common thing among Lodges to contribute only a partial support to their needy brethren, say \$50 to \$100 each, which, with what they have, renders them comfortable. I maintain that this is not only very much cheaper, but is very much more satisfactory in most cases to the needy brothers themselves than to send them into the seclusion of an old people's Charity Home, however well it may be conducted.

Now, I beg M. W. Brother Perkins, and others of my brethren who may read these remarks, not to consider that I am opposing the erection of Masonic Homes. Such is not my position in this matter. I am simply endeavoring to discuss the question from an economic, humanitarian standpoint. In every instance, where a Grand Lodge is financially able to support a Home without incurring debts and burdening the Craft, and especially where it can be properly endowed, then by all means let a Home be constructed. To provide for the widows and the orphans, St. James tells us, is the first duty of a Christian race. Masons have not been behind any other benevolent organizations in this noble line of work. Masonry has done and is doing much in this particular sphere of human duty. Let it keep on in the good work where it can be done without crippling the Fraternity. Such labor is the acme of the big human end of religion. To furnish the necessities of life to the needy is a corner-stone of Freemasonry, and far be it from me to disparage such a labor of love among men and Masons. I hope, therefore, that my motives will not be misconceived or misconstrued by the members of "The Masonic Round Table."

Lodges, 124; members, 8,712; increase, 689.

George Hatch (Wheeling), G. M.

Geo. W. Atkinson (Charleston), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

59th Communication, Milwaukee, June 9, 1903.

D. McL. Miller, G. M.

He reports harmony prevailing and a gratifying increase in the membership. He refused to allow lodges to attend a funeral conducted by Knights 'templars. He also refused to permit a lodge to attend Easter services in Masonic clothing. In all of which he was quite right.

The Grand Secretary's report contains the following:

What can be more gratifying to us all than to know that after years of faithful service two of our most distinguished brothers should again be found in the harness and presiding over the Craft. Brother N. M. Littlejohn, P. G. M., was elected and installed, and is now serving as Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 57, at Whitewater.

Brother Aldro Jenks, P. G. M., was elected and installed and is now presiding as Worshipful Master of Dodgeville Lodge, No. 119.

What a pleasure it must be to the brethren of these Lodges to sit under the rulings of these experienced brethren. It is not often that a Past Grand Master is elected Worshipful Master, and as these events are passing we consider it is our duty to note them.

It was decided to continue the office of Grand Lecturer and not to adopt the system of District Deputies. The following was carried:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to order Schools of Instruction to be held by the Grand Lecturer at the expense of the Grand Lodge, in such Lodges as he may deem most in need of instruction, the total number of days during which the Grand Lecturer shall be so employed not to exceed one hundred and twenty.

The report on Correspondence by Bro. Aldro Jenks is fairly full of good things, intelligent comments, sparkling criticisms, but all in the best of good humor. Our proceedings for 1902 receive a good notice. From his review of Virginia we take the following with approval:

Decision No. 9 reads as follows: "I decided that attending divine services as a Lodge is a Masonic occasion."

We cannot agree with the opinion thus expressed. Suppose the Lodge should decide to attend divine services in a Catholic church, a Jewish synagogue, or services being conducted by an Aposue of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, more commonly known as Mormons. Would not such action be apt to introduce sectarian discussion and discord into the Lodge? For this reason we think such practices should be discountenanced, for if the Lodge has a right to attend divine services at all as a Lodge, it has a right to select any church it sees fit.

On the subject of Masonic Homes, Bro. Jenks is coming over to the views we expressed several years ago:

The subject of Masonic Homes is being generally considered by the Grand Lodges of the United States.

A few years ago it appeared as if the Masonic world was about to be swept along upon a wave of sentimentalism, which would require that every Grand Jurisdiction, no matter how weak numerically or financially, would deem a Masonic Home an imperative Masonic necessity. A reaction appears to have set in and Grand Lodges are now more disposed to consider the necessity for such an institution, and their ability to support one without crippling the finances of the Grand Lodge before embarking upon such an undertaking. The opinion also seems to be increasing that this perhaps not the wisest, best or most economical means of dispensing Masonic charity.

The policy of finding homes by adoption in private families for dependent orphan children is regarded by many as preferable to bringing a large number together in Orphans' Homes.

The old time method of administering Masonic charity certainly has several advantages which should not be overlooked:

1. It is bestowed secretly, so that its recipients are not made to feel humiliated by realizing that the world knows that they are the objects of charity.

2. Every dollar bestowed in charity is expended in charity, while in the support of a Home, a considerable percentage of the money employed must be expended in paying for the institution, as well as in salaries and managing expenses.

3. When relief is extended through Lodges those receiving assistance are frequently, to some extent at least, if not in a great measure, self-supporting, while on the contrary, in Masonic Homes, they must be supported entirely at the expense of the Craft; and last, but not by any means least, those supported or relieved in the time-honored methods of the Fraternity are permitted to remain in the locality where, as a rule, they have spent the greater part of their lives and have formed friendships and attachments which it is almost cruelty to ask them to sunder. To these considerations we might add another that appeals to our mind with considerable force, and that is, that frequently those who are most worthy, deserving and needy cannot be induced to accept the shelter of a Home, while those who have perhaps suffered themselves years before to be suspended for non-payment of dues and have become impoverished through their own vices, are most prompt and energetic in endeavoring to secure admission to such institutions.

Lodges, 252; members, 19,713; increase, 918

John Corscot (Madison), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

29th Communication, Newcastle, September 2, 1903.

Charles N. Potter, G. M.

In his opening remarks he says:

I wish to commend the loyalty and zeal displayed by your presence here. It means much and betrays the deeper significance of Masonry that such a body of men imbued with unselfish motives are willing to abandon their ordinary business for a time in order to deliberate upon matters pertaining to the welfare of an institution established to inculcate and practice the principles of human brotherhood. In this day of commercialism and business rivalry, when the whole world seems to be engaged in the mad scramble for gold, and ambition for wealth, place and honor appears to be the controlling feature of the age, an assemblage of this character is a forcible reminder of the true and all-sufficient reason for the existence of our beloved Fraternity, and emphasizes the fidelity of the brethren to the tenets of their profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. If Masonry holds to its sublime purpose, the encouragement of lofty sentiments will not become a lost art. The integrity of Masonry depends

upon a just appreciation in the mind of the membership of its grand and beneficent objects.

Nine of their 21 lodges are located at a distance from railway communication, two of them being situated more than 100 miles from the nearest railroad point. Notwithstanding which, the Grand Master visited 15, and four others were attended to by the Grand Lecturer. The lodges were found more than usually active and the official work is more closely adhered to.

The proceedings were entirely local.

In his review of England, the Grand Secretary says:

In this country it is seldom an officer or member of a Lodge so far forgets himself and his duty as a Mason as to relate for publication or cause to be published anything transpiring in a Lodge that should not under any circumstances appear in print. We may be an extremist, for we believe the transactions of a Lodge should be confined and kept inviolate by those present at each meeting, and if members not present desire information they should either attend or get what they desire from the minutes, not, however, for the purpose of gossip or publication. A Masonic gossip is like all that tribe, and is dangerous within and without the institution.

We quote from his notice of New York:

Hereafter visitors applying for admission to a Lodge will have to present a certificate of good standing. It is well. For this we have contended for years, as every one of our reports bears proof. One by one Grand Lodges have shaken off their Rip Van Winkle slumber until it begins to look like our institution everywhere will, as in this case, provide the only safe means to prevent imposition on the part of clandestines, suspended and expelled Masons. Other organizations long ago provided like means of protection against such, whilst prejudice against changes of every kind and character has held full sway in our institution in many jurisdictions. Whilst reasoning on this subject has had very little, if any, effect, and has only been met with the charge that we were a "progressive" and an "innovator," a common and present danger has greatly increased such so-called progressives and innovators, and now we are no longer lonesome in contending that reason and common sense should be applied to vital matters connected with Masonic government.

The western jurisdictions appear to have more than their share of applicants for relief:

If Horace Greeley's advice to young men, to go West, could be reversed, the cry of "Charity creates no debt" would cease about as suddenly as the song of the frogs when a boulder is cast into the pond, and one of two things would not be long in materializing, either the sick, dying and dead would be neglected or the Lodges and Masons of the Pacific coast States would be soundly berated if they did not respond to

demand for shekels. It would then be the question of circumstances alter cases, our ox is being gored now instead of the other fellow's. The worst feature of the business is that Lodges very often refuse to pay bills after authorizing same. To the credit of many, be it said, they reimburse for aid extended as far as they can. We do not claim that a Lodge is legally bound to reimburse in such cases, but that there is a moral obligation that it should do so to the full extent of its ability, there is little doubt in our mind.

Lodges, 21; members, 1,488; increase, 180.
T. S. Taliaferro, Jr. (Rock Springs), G. M.
William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alabama.. . . .	1903	New Brunswick. . .	1903
Arizona	1903	New Hampshire. . .	1903
British Columbia . .	1903	New Jersey . . .	1903-04
California.	1903	New Mexico. . . .	1903
Colorado	1903	New South Wales. .	1903
Connecticut	1904	New York	1904
Costa Rica	1903	New Zealand	1903
Cuba	1903	North Carolina. . .	1904
Delaware.	1903	North Dakota . . .	1903
Dist. of Columbia . .	1903	Nova Scotia. . . .	1903
England.	1903	Ohio	1903
Florida	1904	Oklahoma	1904
Georgia	1903	Oregon.	1903
Idaho.	1903	Pennsylvania. . . .	1903
Illinois.	1903	Prince Edward Is. .	
Indiana	1904	Quebec.	1904
Indian Territory . . .	1903	Rhode Island	1903
Iowa	1903	Scotland.	1903
Kansas.	1904	South Australia. . .	1903
Kentucky.	1903	South Carolina. . .	1903
Louisiana.	1904	South Dakota	1903
Maine.	1903	Tasmania.	1903
Manitoba.	1903	Tennessee.	1904
Maryland.	1903	Texas.	1903
Massachusetts	1903	Utah.	1904
Michigan.	1904	Vermont.	1903
Minnesota	1904	Virginia.	1903
Mississippi	1903-04	Washington.	1903
Missouri.	1903	Western Australia . .	1903
Montana.	1903	West Virginia	1903
Nebraska.	1903	Wisconsin.	1903
Nevada	1903	Wyoming.	1903

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

COLLINGWOOD, June 17, 1904.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present the following special report on the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland:

According to the information furnished there are 140 Lodges in Queensland. The new Grand Lodge was formed by apparently 39 Lodges, all holding under the Scotch and Irish Constitutions, the English Lodges holding aloof.

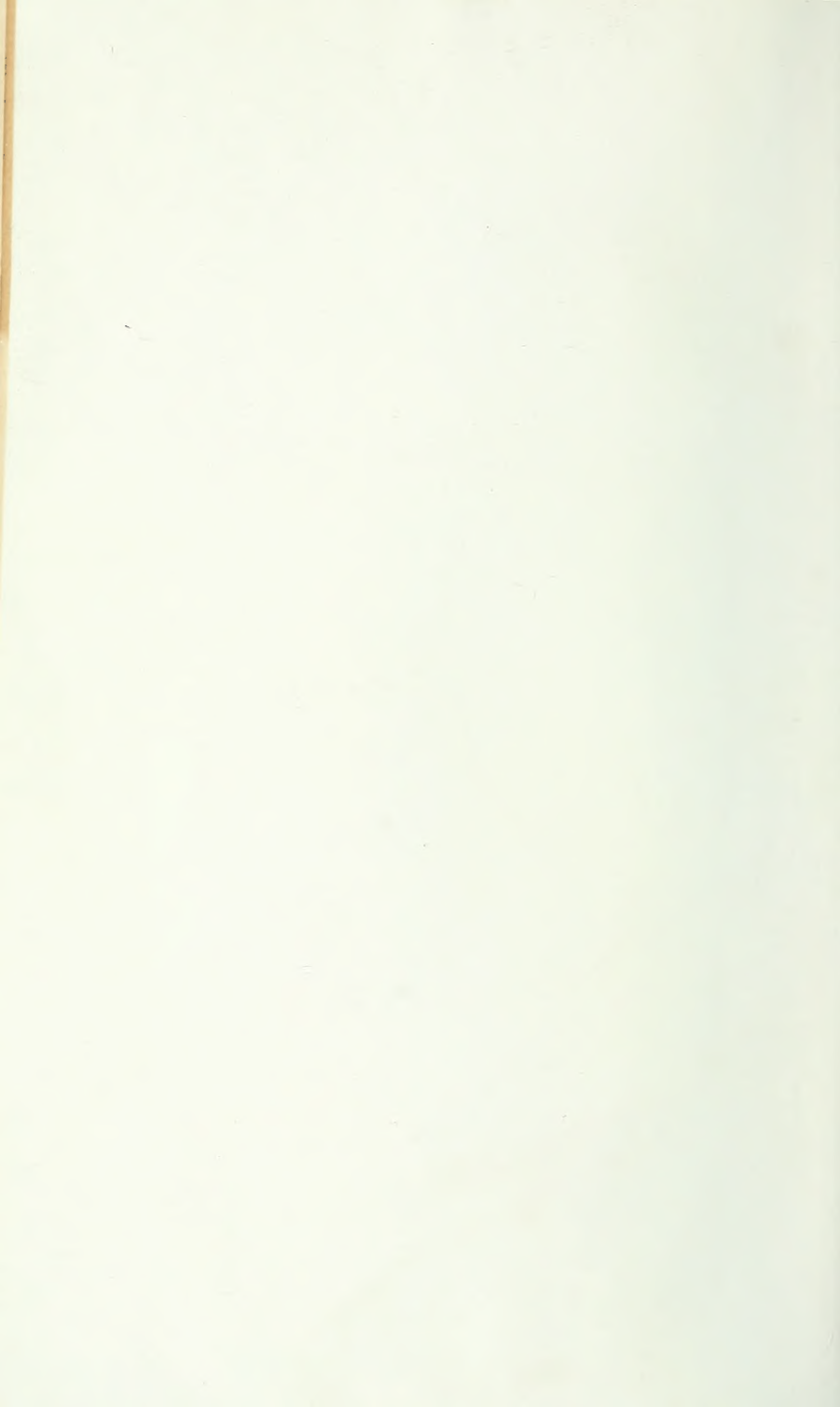
While sympathising with the movement and acknowledging the grave reasons for the formation of the new Grand Lodge, your Committee desire to have the matter deferred until the next Annual Communication, with the hope that in the meantime more unanimity will prevail.

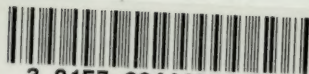
Fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.







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